

## **MYNYDD CLIMBING CLUB: CHILDREN ATTENDING MEETS**

### **General points:**

Adults can easily note the differences between hut and home and can react accordingly. It is much more difficult for children, especially young ones, for whom this may well be a new environment, and who are unlikely to be able to adapt their behaviour to the different environment easily, if at all.

It is not reasonably practicable for clubs to operate their huts like domestic houses and therefore the accommodation and facilities available are likely to differ from those found in homes. It is not reasonable to expect members and their guests to modify their normal hut behaviour as soon as they are made aware that a child is present. Parents or guardians should be aware of these differences and their potential implications for children. They must be responsible for the care and control of their charges and it is in this context that parents should take note of the following:

### **1. General Safety Considerations**

- The standards of hygiene and cleanliness may be less than at home.
- Stairwells may be dark, uneven under foot and even slippery when wet.
- There may not be guardrails on the stairs.
- There may not be any covers on electrical sockets.
- There may be open fires; fire guards are to prevent hot fuel falling out, not children falling in.
- Members may walk about with hot kettles and they may not expect to run into small children.
- Members are likely to leave hot drinks in mugs and cold drinks in glasses on floors or low tables.
- Members are likely to come in late, after some children have gone to bed and they cannot reasonably be expected to modify their level of speech (or content!).
- Members manoeuvring in congested car parks drive on the assumption that adults will keep out of their way and they will not expect the presence of small children.

### **2. Accommodation**

The sleeping accommodation in huts is provided by individual bunks and alpine-style sleeping platforms (wide bunks sleeping several people). Bunks may be two or even three tier. Dormitories or rooms vary in size considerably. They may sleep between 4 to 20 people. Some huts have family rooms.

**MYNYDD CLIMBING CLUB:  
CONSENT FORM FOR PARENTS & ADULTS IN LOCO PARENTIS**

**Parent**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult in loco**

**parentis**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

**MCC Meet**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Parental consent statement:**

I give consent for my child to accompany the adult in loco parentis to the MCC meet on those dates detailed above. I confirm that:

1. I have read a copy of the *Children Attending Meets* guidelines and understand that huts have communal facilities and that these include communal sleeping arrangements.
2. I understand that the adult in loco parentis will endeavour to ensure that appropriate sleeping accommodation will be arranged for my child with regard to his/her age and sex, and with regard to the needs of other members present.

Signed..... (Parent) Date: .....

Signed..... (Adult in loco parentis) Date: .....

This form must be completed in duplicate and signed by both parties.  
A copy must be given to the adult in loco parentis before the meet takes place.

**Further information:**

You may like to inform the adult in loco parentis of any allergies or other medical information pertinent to your child. Should your child need emergency medical treatment, hospitals may require written permission from parents giving authority to the adult in loco parentis to act on their behalf. An example statement is given below, which should be signed by both parties and dated:

In the event of illness or an accident requiring emergency hospital treatment, I authorise the adult in loco parentis, (name) to sign on my behalf any written form of consent required by the hospital authorities, if the delay required to obtain my signature is considered inadvisable by the doctor or surgeon concerned.

If the meet is abroad please be aware that HM Customs & Excise, and those of other countries, prefer adults in loco parentis to have a letter of permission from parents to travel with their children.