

The Oread Mountaineering Club

Fire Safety Policy

1. Introduction

This policy assists the Club in its compliance with its legal obligations to members and hut visitors under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (The Order).

The Club is committed to taking all reasonably practicable steps to ensure the health, safety and welfare of those visiting Tan yr Wyddfa and Heathy Lea (the huts).

The Order requires the Club to:

1. Develop a policy to minimise the risks associated with fire
2. Reduce the risk of an outbreak of fire
3. Reduce the risk of the spread of fire
4. Provide means of escape
5. Demonstrate preventative action
6. Maintain documentation and records in respect of fire safety management

This policy forms part of the Club's general Health and Safety Policy and shall be regularly reviewed as defined therein.

2. The Responsible Person

The Club has appointed an officer who is charged with the responsibility of ensuring the safety of any person who may legally come onto Club property (Tan yr Wyddfa and Heathy Lea); and of anyone not on the premises but who may be affected. The appointed Responsible Person is the Hut Custodian.

The Hut Custodian is responsible for ensuring that competent persons carry out, document, and regularly review a Fire Safety Risk Assessment for the premises, as required by the Club's Health & Safety policy. also that any testing, repair, maintenance of fire systems is carried out by suitably competent persons.

The provisions of the Fire Risk Assessment will be kept in good order as part of the premises regular maintenance schedule. Records of all fire system maintenance will be held as indicated in Table 1.

3. Fire Safety Procedures, Provisions and Records

There are given in the appended Table 1.

4. Duties of all visitors.

All visitors have a duty to take reasonable steps to ensure that they do not place themselves or others at risk. They are also expected to co-operate fully in complying with any procedures that the Club may introduce in order to protect the safety of all visitors.

5. Communication.

Relevant information related to fire safety will be available in the hut for all visitors and users of the premises.

6. Declaration

This Policy was approved and adopted by the Committee on 21 Jul 2026

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Michael Moss (President)	Steve Christian (H&S Co-ordinator)	Chris Wilson (Hut Custodian HL)	Dave Helliwell (Hut Custodian TyW)

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Table 1 Fire Safety Procedures, Provisions and Records

	requirements
Fire Safety Risk Assessment , identifying fire safety risks and the provisions necessary to bring the risks As Low as Reasonably Practicable.	• FSRA reviewed annually, or more frequently if there has been any change to legislation, regulation or to the premises or their use • Retain current and archive copies on Club Digital Library • The provisions of the Fire Risk Assessment will be kept in good order as part of the hut maintenance schedule and records held on Club Digital Library.
Fire Detection And Alarm	• tested in accordance with manufacturer's instruction at a 12 monthly interval or as otherwise defined in the local Fire Safety Risk Assessment • Records of testing, false alarms and action taken held in Fire Protection Log
Fire Evacuation procedures	• Plan(s) of the premises showing escape routes, fire exits, and firefighting equipment location to be displayed in the hut reception area and on sleeping room doors. • Appropriate signage will be displayed giving clear instructions to follow in the event of a fire. • Escape routes will be kept at all times in good working order and free from obstruction and combustible materials. • Fire Drills practised and recorded (listing evacuation times and any observations) at least annually [Records held in Fire Protection Log]
Emergency Lighting	• provided for escape routes where appropriate • tested monthly for lights operation when mains power removed, and annually for backup battery condition or at a periodicity defined in the local Fire Safety Risk Assessment, , with records held in Fire Protection Log.
The risk of fire spread	• controlled by the provision of fire resisting construction and self-closing fire/smoke resisting doors, locations of which is defined in the local fire safety risk assessment.
Firefighting equipment	• inspected at least annually by a competent contractor, inspection records noted on equipment and on Club Digital Library
	Notes Fire Protection Log is site specific, clearly labelled and held on site Club Digital Library is available to Hut Committees also Club officers and main committee members