



THE MOUNTAINEERS

Board Policy Manual

Section: 300 COMMITTEE
CHARTERS

Subject: 322 Safety Committee

Purpose

The purposes of the Safety Committee are to ensure that Mountaineers activities such as climbing, kayaking, and skiing have access to and follow current safety standards, to provide resources for education and training of our leaders and instructors, and to ensure that collection of data on accidents and near misses is performed, documented, maintained and distributed to our leaders. These purposes share the goal of enhancing a Club structure and culture of safety such that The Mountaineers continues to be recognized as a leader in safety for outdoor activities. This committee reports to the Managing Committee.

Reference

Board Minutes February 2, 2006
Board Policy 424, Accident Reporting

Committee Membership

Minimum membership will be a Safety Representative from each branch, a Chair appointed by the Managing Committee, and a Board Liaison appointed by the Board.

Term of Service

Two years, may be extended as required by the Managing Committee

Functions

Collect, develop and distribute safety education and knowledge pertinent to each activity.

Benchmark volunteer and professional organization safety programs and standards.

Work to stimulate creation and maintenance of Safety committees within each Branch. Help to standardize and educate safety concepts and awareness at the branch and activity levels.

Develop and perform standardized collection of data on at risk activities from all branches, via trip, accident, near miss, and other reports, and make this data available to all branches.

Standardize trip reporting to collect information on routes, accidents, and near misses, and enhance systems to share this information.



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Ensure a thorough and professional accident investigation is performed for all fatalities and major accidents in a timely manner. This is coordinated through the Executive Director and may include outside and/or professional input.

Assist in the development of standards for leader qualification and continuing education.