

Students' Union UCL Statement of Intent on Health and Safety

Students' Union UCL is committed to safety in student activities and via individual clubs, societies, officers and staff will endeavour to:

- » Undertake Annual Risk Assessments in respect of all club/society activity, to identify the hazards (the potential for injury), to assess the risk, (the likelihood that injury will actually occur) and to establish measures to control and reduce the risk to an acceptable level.
- » Provide each club/society with procedures and guidance, as well as specific safety related briefings.
- » Provide subsidies to enable the training of leaders and organisers to National Governing Body standards, so as to raise and enhance the level of safety, skill and awareness within Clubs and Societies.
- » Provide accurate information on the nature of club/society activity and ensure that clubs/societies disseminate relevant information throughout the year to individual club/society members.
- » Ensure that those undertaking water related activities understand the minimum requirement for participation, i.e. the ability to swim 50 metres fully clothed.
- » Ensure that clubs/societies have access to a First Aid Kit for all activities on Union premises.
- » Ensure pre-registration and approval of all away trips involving either an overnight stay, or involving club/society activity in risk category 6 or 7.
- » Provide support and funding in the selection, acquisition, hire and maintenance of equipment, including testing, inspection and the logging of use where appropriate.
- » Ensure appropriate affiliation to the relevant National Governing Body in respect of sporting activities, and to ensure that clubs adopt the National Governing Body Good Practice Guide where appropriate.

- » Provide a system of reporting, monitoring and investigating incidents or near misses via report forms.
- » Record and monitor individual club/society activity throughout the year.
- » Provide basic, adequate insurance cover to registered student members of clubs or societies.
- » Ensure the competence of those coaching or otherwise supervising or leading student activities.
- » Monitor, review and modify safety procedures on an ongoing basis as required.