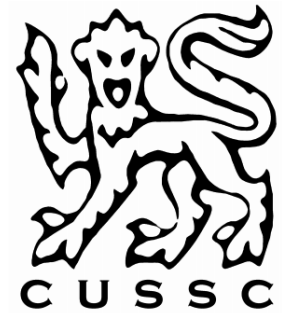


Cambridge University Ski and Snowboard Club

Risk assessment for the participation in Ski Preparation



Members of the Club may participate in Ski preparation prior to competitions and training. These sessions will be supervised by competent members of the committee, and the following actions will be taken to ensure that the activity is carried out safely.

During Ski preparation, members of the Club may participate in edge sharpening using a file, hot waxing using an iron, wax scraping using a plastic scraper and/or a wire brush, and dry waxing by simply rubbing on wax.

Potential hazards and precautions to cope with them:

1. *Small cuts*- Sharpening the edges of skis entails a small risk of cuts due to slipping whilst filing, particularly to the hands as edges can become fairly sharp. In addition subsequent dry waxing and scraping carry a risk of slipping and therefore the risk of cuts from newly sharpened edges. **Precautions:** (a) check whether any members of the club from haemophilia or similar disorders where this could pose a serious medical risk; (b) make sure that members of the Club use a file guide; (c) advise students to be very careful and make sure that gloves are worn; (d) have bandages, plasters, and disinfectant on hand in case any cuts do occur.

2. *Burns*- While hot waxing skis, there is a small risk that participants may burn themselves. **Precautions:** Gloves will be worn, and students will be advised to use the lowest heat possible on the iron.

3. *Environmental pollution*. While we will collect all metal filings caused as a product of edge sharpening after the exercise, small pieces are prone to escape and as they have sharp edges and do not biodegrade, this could pose a risk to future users of the space where the activity will be held. **Precautions:** all ski preparation will be done on tarpaulins which will allow complete collection of debris afterwards.