

4<sup>th</sup> March 2012

**The Group Scout Leader**

Dear GSL,

**SUBJECT: ABSEILING AND INSURANCE COVERAGE**

A number of queries concerning abseiling activities and the insurance cover for such activities have been received which have prompted us to issue guidelines to ensure that there are no misconceptions and ALL are fully aware of the procedures to follow.

We ask that these guidelines are viewed in the spirit that they are written i.e. an aid for the Leader to be in line with safety and insurance requirements and ultimately to ensure that in the event of an occurrence all possible precautions would have been taken.

- Organisers of any abseiling event must take all reasonable precautions and use suitable approved personal protective equipment as required for such events;
- Participants must use suitable approved personal protective equipment as required for such events;
- Any abseiling activity where members of the Movement are participating under the auspices of the Scout Association of Malta i.e. as Scout Members, **must** notify the Association through the following approved forms.
  - Abseiling application form – AA Form 01
  - Informed application form – AIC Form 01
  - Abseiling parental consent form – APC Form 01
- Request for approval of the activity must reach the Chief Commissioner a minimum of fifteen (15) days before the event (using AA Form 01). This must be completed in full and all required signatures obtained and sent by email to [ch.comm@maltascout.org.mt](mailto:ch.comm@maltascout.org.mt) or handed in at Island Head Quarters (Tuesday or Thursday evenings) for approval. Failure to submit such request will render the activity “unrecognised” by the Association and thereby not a Scouting Activity and not covered by relevant insurance.
- A Risk Assessment document has been issued as an aid to anyone considering an abseiling activity – it is highly recommended that the suggestions are taken into consideration.

Should anyone require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Failure to abide by these guidelines could result in ramifications.

Yours in Scouting



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