

## The Role of the “Technical Advisor”

As an organisation, climbing and mountaineering clubs are required to by law to promote the safety and well-being of their members (and others) whilst engaging in club activities.

In the adventurous activities industry, many educational and commercial entities are required by law to appoint an external technical expert to support their safe operations.

The behaviours of these entities create the framework for what is considered “industry good practice” - if all the safe people are doing something, you have to justify why you are not doing the same thing in similar circumstances.

It is becoming increasingly popular to engage a Technical Advisor to help identify and fill knowledge gaps within the club, mentor club officers, provide continuity when club officers step down, and ensure that knowledge remains in the club if experienced members move on.

### A Technical Advisor can support a club by...

- Advising on developments and changes in good practice from the wider industry.
- Advising on the development or review of policy.
- Advising on risk assessment and management.
- Advising on the selection, maintenance and inspection of equipment.
- Advising on the levels of competence club officers or members should have to participate in club activities.
- Providing training and/or assessment for club members.
- Providing observation and feedback on the delivery of club activities.
- Facilitating officer handover within the club and providing continuity between committees/roles.
- Supporting the club with reviews of incidents and near misses.
- Representing & supporting the club at legal proceedings as an expert witness.
- Answer questions relating to the safe operation of the club and provide other technical support as required.
- Supporting accessible and adaptive activities to ensure the club is inclusive.

### Climb Cornwall...

...holds operative insurance that specifically covers acting as a Technical Advisor in the Adventurous Activities sector. We employ a highly qualified staff team with years of experience in the industry, and provide a named Technical Advisor who:

- Is on the AMI Technical Advisors Register.
- Is approved as a specialist Technical Advisor for adaptive climbing activities.
- Is a Mountain Training Course Director for the Climbing & Coaching Award Schemes.
- Is a workshop provider for the BMC, Mountain Training Association and Climbing For All PPG.
- Is a GB Development Squad and GB Para-climbing Team Coach.

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