

We aspire to fulfill our mission free from significant and preventable incidents. We acknowledge the inherent risks in the activities we undertake and in the environment we undertake them, and we will identify, assess and manage those risks to reduce or prevent significant incidents. OBHK believes in a culture of safety involving information sharing, collaborative problem solving, client engagement and candid discussions of risk and safety at all levels.

Outward Bound's core objective is to provide a process whereby participants progress from relative safety and go outward to experience exposure to unknown and unfamiliar situations, hence complete safety and total risk avoidance would not achieve the objective of growth via experience and is not practical. Hence the degree of safety is qualified as reasonable safety from assessed foreseeable risks. The key safety objective is to remove the activities which have the high probability of unacceptable outcomes and thus remove unnecessary risk. The risk exposure should be proportionate to the objective of training, confidence and character development of the participant which is the core of OBHK programs.

Outward Bound Hong Kong Safety Objectives

- a. Provide reasonably safe experiential learning opportunities for participants.
- b. Prevent fatalities, disabling injuries, and serious illnesses.
- c. Reduce injuries, illnesses, and incidents as far as practicable in line with the safety statement above.
- d. Reduce the likelihood of recurrence of major incidents.
- e. Promote continuous learning and improvement through reviewing and analysing all incidents, with a focus on major incidents.

We will not as a result restrict activities to remove such risks however the principle is to prepare participants to deal appropriately with any risks involved. We aim to achieve continual improvement in our health and safety performance by adopting the following:

1. Achieved external accreditation ([AEE](#))
2. Implemented a [risk management system](#)
3. Pursuing internationally recognised best practices within our operations
4. Implemented an international inspection and ongoing auditing programme
5. Managing staff competence to ensure they complete judgment training so all activities are taught in a safe manner
6. Maintain written safety standards that govern all aspects of our operations

7. Maintain an external Safety Committee that monitors all safety practices within our operations
8. Educating participants on safety and personal hygiene
9. Encouraging a 'what if' attitude towards each and every experience
10. Maintain ongoing safety and specific skills training
11. All field staff must maintain current life-saving and first aid certification
12. Each and every incident is stringently reported and followed up