

**MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY**

**OFF CAMPUS ACTIVITY SAFETY POLICY**

**ELEVATION OF RISKS – FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED IN ASSESSING RISKS**

**APPENDIX A**

**LOCATION – The more remote (outside Calgary) or foreign the location of the Off Campus Activity, the greater the Risk:**

- foreign locations (outside Canada and Continental US) – It is Higher-Risk
- remote and/or isolated geographic locations – It is Higher-Risk
- overnight wilderness accommodation – such as tenting – It is Higher-Risk
- foreign environments/language – It is Higher-Risk
- are prone to natural disasters – It is Higher-Risk
- are prone to political unrest – It is Higher-Risk
- cultural difference to that of the Participant(s) and to Canadian culture– It is Higher-Risk
- any travel and health advisories issued – It is Higher-Risk

**NATURE OF ACTIVITY – Increased requirements for expertise and diligence, and/or increased reliance on equipment and technology increases Risk.**

- outdoor activities, may be Higher-Risk due to type of activity – Consult Risk Management
- water based activities – It is Higher-Risk
- potential impact of climate and / or weather conditions – Consult Risk Management
- expertise or technical skill required of Participants – It is Higher-Risk
- danger or consequence of non-performance – It is Higher-Risk
- leaders or Participants have limited previous experience with activity – It is Higher-Risk

**ACCESSIBILITY OF EMERGENCY OR COMMUNICATION SERVICES – The more complex the arrangements required to maintain communications with the University and emergency services, the greater the Risk:**

- access to emergency services is greater than 30 minutes – It is Higher-Risk
- commonality of form of communications – usability, reliability, number of units present – Consult Risk Management

**COMPLEXITY OF TRAVEL – Increased complexity in travel arrangements increases Risk:**

- size of group / student involvement, if the ratio of Activity Leader(s) to student is greater than 1:15 – It is Higher-Risk
- individual Participant's itinerary deviating from the broader group – That Individual's Travel is Higher-Risk
- multiple stops or multiple forms of transportation involved – It is Higher-Risk
- road conditions poor, unusual Hazards, night driving – It is Higher-Risk
- lack of driver experience (< 10 years experience), non-standard (other than class 5) licensing required, vehicles not owned by MRU – It is Higher-Risk

**PARTICIPANT NEEDS**

- Participants with Disabilities (see POL 517) – depending on the nature of the disability – it is Higher-Risk
- Special Medical/Dietary needs – It is Higher-Risk
- Participants individual skill/fitness level, if all members do not have the same skill/fitness level – It is Higher-Risk