

Student Activity Guidelines

In any given year, more than 200 lawsuits are filed nationally against student organizations. It is an unfortunate fact that individuals and student organizations must be concerned with risk management.

Risk management is the process of identifying and assessing risk and developing strategies to avoid personal injury, property damage, and resultant financial loss. With regard to student activities, risk management means making sure that no one gets hurt and that no property is damaged at an organization's events. Simply, risk management means avoiding lawsuits.

Harvey Mudd is providing information to students and student groups so that they may make informed decisions regarding proposed activities and events (organized or impromptu). The College hopes this informational bulletin provides guidance to students and students groups to assess the risk of a given activity in order to mitigate or prohibit any excessive risk of personal injury, property damage, and resultant damage.

Students wishing to engage in any organized activity or event should read the enclosed materials carefully to intelligently assess the risk level of their proposed activities and enter into only those activities that are safe or whose risk is mitigated by safety measures. Although the list of activities is not exhaustive, Harvey Mudd is providing a list of activities to be instructive as to whether the proposed activity or event poses a Low, Moderate or High – Mitigated risk or is a non HMC endorsed event.

Students should exhibit appropriate caution for their own and others' safety when planning activities and events or when contemplating impromptu activities and events. **Harvey Mudd requests students to take all appropriate steps to ensure that activities that are classified as High – Mitigated Risk are never entered into without appropriate safety measures and coordination with DOS staff. Events and activities involving HMC facilities and parking require coordination and approval by the Office of Facilities & Maintenance (Contact Facilities Use Coordinator at X74559). Activities not endorsed by HMC exposed participants to extreme danger or likelihood of injury. Harvey Mudd College shall not be liable for the actions of students who willfully pursue a course of participating in such activities.**

College funds, including funds collected by the College from students and distributed to ASHMC, which are distributed to student clubs, should not be used for any activity that is classified as "not endorsed by HMC."

If anyone has questions or wants assistance in evaluating the risks associated with a proposed activity or events, students and student groups can contact the Dean of Students.

This guideline document, including the list of activities and risk categories, may evolve. Changes to this guideline document must be approved by the Dean of Students Office and the Business Affairs Office, in consultation with CUC's Risk Management Office.

List of Activities/Events

Definitions of Risk Categories

Low Risk - Activities such as card games, general parties at which no alcohol is served, art festivals, club meetings, movie screenings, etc., fall into the Low Risk category. These events either pose no inherent risk to participants or pose only a general risk similar to that posed by sedate activities such as reading or attending lectures.

Moderate Risk - Activities such as outdoor events or sporting events at which some risk of contact injury is present but is not excessive, extreme, or frequent. The events are normally well-conducted, but the safety of the participants depends on the implementation of safety equipment and procedures. The activity or event coordinators should seek to reduce risks by implementing controls where possible.

High Risk – Mitigated - Some activities involve significant risk but could still be rendered safe for students through the judicious use of mitigation measures to reduce the risk to tolerable levels. These activities, such as flight lessons, trampoline usage, etc, would require the activity or event coordinators to coordinate with DOS staff to ensure the appropriate safety measures are in place. The College shall not be liable for the actions of students participating in an activity if the agreed upon safety measures are not implemented.

Not Endorsed by HMC -Activities that pose a clear risk or danger to students are not endorsed by HMC even if mitigation measures are possible. The College shall have sole discretion in Identifying activities or events that are not endorsed by HMC. The College shall not be liable for the actions of students participating in such events or activities.

As mentioned previously, College funds cannot be used for any activity that is classified as “not endorsed by HMC.”

Activity	Risk Category			
	Low	Moderate	High - Mitigated	Not Endorsed by HMC
Acrobatics (not controlled) /acrobatic cheerleading			X	
Aerobic classes/events		X		
Aircraft activities/events			X	
Animal/livestock shows		X		
Anniversary parties	X			
Antique shows	X			
Archery			X	
Armed private security used at an event			X	

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Art festival	X			
Auctions	X			
Auto Shows	X			
Award presentations	X			
Badminton	X			
Ballooning (hot air)			X	
Banquets	X			
Basketball		X		
Beauty pageants	X			
Bicycle rallies (not including races)		X		
Billiards	X			
Bingo Games	X			
Block parties/street closures/street fairs			X	
Boat shows (sailing)			X	
Body building contests	X			
Bowling	X			
Boxing			X	
Broomball			X	
Bungee jumping				X
Business meetings	X			
Birthday parties	X			
Camping (daytime, no overnight)		X		
Camping (overnight)			X	
Canoeing			X	
Car Bashings				X
Carnivals			X	
Casino and lounge shows		X		
Charity benefits	X			
Church services	X			

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Circus (non-domesticated animals)			X	
Civic Club Meetings	X			
Classical music concerts – indoors	X			
Classical music concerts – outdoors		X		
Clay pigeon shooting				X
Climbing Buildings				X
Country festivals/fairs (no rides)		X		
Country western events (no rodeos or rides)		X		
Cricket		X		
Dodge Ball		X		
Dunk Tanks			X	
Exhibitions		X		
Fencing – with protective equipment			X	
Festivals and cultural events – indoors	X			
Festivals and cultural events – outdoors		X		
Film production			X	
Fire juggling				X
Flugtag (Homemade flying machines that carry people)				X
Foam dance pits			X	
Football games			X	
Gun/rifle and knife shows/events				X
Gymnastics/gymnastics competitions			X	
Hang gliding				X
Horse-related activities			X	
Ice hockey			X	
Ice skating shows		X		

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Javelin			X	
Jazz & jam concerts – indoors	X			
Jazz & jam concerts - outdoors		X		
Jazzercise classes/events		X		
Job fair – indoors	X			
Job fair – outdoors		X		
Junior athletic events		X		
Karate events			X	
Kayaking			X	
Lacrosse			X	
Ladies club events	X			
Lectures	X			
Luncheons	X			
Marathon (walking, running, jogging, etc)			X	
Martial Arts			X	
Mechanical Bulls			X	
Mechanical amusement devices			X	
Meetings – indoors	X			
Meetings – outdoors		X		
Moshing			X	
Motorized sporting events/auto racing (snowmobiles, quad runners, etc.)				X
Motorcycle club				X
Mountaineering			X	
Nightclub events/shows		X		
Paintball			X	
Parachuting				X
Parades (under 500 spectators)		X		

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Parkour				X
Picnics held at grounds w/o pools or lakes		X		
Platform diving				X
Political rallies		X		
Proms		X		
Pyrotechnics			X	
Racquetball/squash		X		
Reunions – outdoors		X		
Rock climbing/climbing wall			X	
Rock and rap music concerts			X	
Rodeos and roping events			X	
Roller Hockey			X	
Rugby			X	
Rummage sales		X		
Sailing			X	
School band competitions/events		X		
Scooter boards		X		
SCUBA diving			X	
Sidewalk sales		X		
Skiing			X	
Ski Jumping/aerial maneuvers				X
Skydiving				X
Slip and slides			X	
Snorkeling			X	
Snowboarding			X	
Soap box derbies		X		
Social gatherings/receptions – indoors	X			
Social		X		

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gatherings/receptions – outdoors				
Soccer		X		
Softball events		X		
Speaking engagements	X			
Sumo Wrestling			X	
Spelunking			X	
Swimming – indoors or outdoors			X	
Tennis – outdoors		X		
Tetherball events		X		
Theatrical stage performances		X		
Tractor trailer pulls			X	
Trade shows – outdoors		X		
Trampolines			X	
Triathlon			X	
Volleyball events			X	
Water activities (i.e. water polo)			X	
Whitewater kayaking/rafting			X	
Wilderness/survival programs			X	
Windsurfing			X	
Woodsman/outing club			X	
Wrestling			X	