

Background

The need for Safety Guidelines (SGL) was first felt in 2013, when the work on a GR for Adventure activities in Maharashtra was in the pipeline.

Government of Maharashtra invited ATOAI to guide in the process. ATOAI had already published their SGL in 2018, and MAC has used them as the basis for creating SGL specific for Maharashtra.

Please note that there is a difference between ‘Guidelines’ and ‘Rules’. (Example - “Driver should always focus on the road ahead” - is a Guideline. While “Driver should stop when the signal is red” - is a Rule.)

The Safety Guidelines are ‘progressive documents’ and have to be revised whenever necessary.

Note about SGL

Specifically developed for Organized Adventure Programmes, – where there is a clear *transfer of responsibility* on the organizers

Part 1 of these SGL is Safety Management System. This is meant for management members of adventure activity organizers and seniors of clubs / similar organizations

Part 5 of SGL contains templates. These can be used by various organizers to create their own SOPs

There are also a set of SGL for parents who plan to send their children for a trek.

Some SGL specific to Maharashtra have been developed (Examples - Pinnacle Climbing, Waterfall Rappelling)

Disclaimer

For participants - Any adventure activity must be undertaken only under proper supervision and guidance. Do not attempt any adventure activity merely by reading its related Safety Guideline.

For organizers - Training and experience are both essential before organizing any adventure activity for novices. The SGL are exactly what they are called - “Guidelines”. Different adventure sites could require specific focus on aspects that are not covered under SGL. (Example - a site may have beehives nearby, and thus would require extra caution. All these things cannot be covered in any Safety Guidelines.) Use these documents cautiously.