

## **UBES Gear Borrowing Policy**

UBES owns and maintains a wide range of gear for members to borrow. So we can keep this gear available and in good condition for everyone, we ask all members to take care of any equipment they borrow and follow the UBES gear policy.

### **Borrowing Gear**

Gear may only be borrowed by current UBES members.

All items must be signed out using the official online gear sign-out system.

Members are expected to return gear promptly, clean, dry, and in good condition.

### **Responsibility for Gear**

When you borrow gear, you are responsible for it until it is returned. You should treat all gear with care and respect.

If you sign gear out and lend it to another member without filling in the required gear sign out system you are responsible for it until it is returned.

### **Inspection of Gear**

The borrower accepts full liability for the inspection of gear before, during and after use. They must understand the use and maintenance of any gear borrowed and report any issues noticed to the Kit and Safety Officers.

While UBES and the committee follow good practice with kit inspection and maintenance, they do not accept any liability for use of faulty / damaged gear – this responsibility is ultimately down to the borrower.

### **Lost or Damaged Gear**

If gear is lost or significantly damaged, UBES reserves the right to charge up to the full replacement cost of the item (considering age and condition of equipment).

### **Exceptions**

Lost gear will be reviewed on a case by case. Chargers may not be applied when gear lost or left behind in safety-critical situations (such as bailing off a climb) or unavoidable accidents where reasonable care was taken.

### **Reporting Lost or Damaged Items**

If you lose or damage any gear, please email [ubes-committee@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:ubes-committee@bristol.ac.uk) or contact a committee member directly via text or in person as soon as possible.

By borrowing gear from UBES you agree to follow this policy. UBES reserves the right to ban people from borrowing gear if they frequently fail to use gear in the way outlined in this policy.