

MINERAL CLUB of HUTT VALLEY and WELLINGTON

CODE OF ETHICS AND SAFETY

1. Where appropriate, the Trip Leader will give a site briefing at the start of each Field Trip.
2. All members are required to conform to the local by-laws and to all regulations promulgated from time to time by the Club.
3. Permission must be obtained before entering private property and all property must be left as found. Stock, implements, fences or buildings must not be interfered with, and if holes are dug, those must be filled in.
4. No member shall carry firearms or any other offensive weapons on club field outings. Dogs are not permitted on Field Trips.
5. Greatest care must be taken on outings to ensure the safety of others during field activities. Boulders or landslides must not be set in motion, and the risk of fire should be observed during dry conditions. The Trip Leader has a basic First Aid Kit.
6. On field days, shafts or drives or any area that has been mined may be entered under the supervision of the Leader only. The strictest safety precautions are to be observed by those participating. Suitable lighting and other necessary safety equipment must be available before the shaft is entered.
7. Sharp pieces or objects must not be left on roadways or other thoroughfares where injury to property or persons might occur.
8. Everyone should wear safety goggles, in close proximity, while rock is being broken. Goggles are a must for eye protection. Appropriate attire should be worn to suit the situation, e.g. a safety helmet when there is a risk overhead and stout footwear at all times.
9. Club members should take only what they need at the time and never strip an area of gem materials completely.
10. The Club shall not accept any responsibility for personal injury or loss incurred by any member or visitor on Field Trips, Outings or in the Club Rooms.
11. Members should strive to promote the good name of the Club by acting with courtesy to landowners, other collectors and members of the public generally. Private fossicking trips by members must be regarded as being subject to this Code of Ethics.
12. Any member wishing to arrive late or leave a Field Trip early must advise the Trip Leader.