



DERBY EAST DISTRICT SCOUTS Safety Policy

As part of the Scout Association it is the policy of The Derby East District Executive Committee to ensure that Scouting is provided in a safe manner without risk to health, so far as is reasonably practicable.

The Scout Association believes that this responsibility ranks equally with the other responsibilities incumbent upon those providing Scouting activities and functions.

It is the responsibility of all those involved in Scouting to seek, so far as is reasonably practicable, to ensure that:

- All activities are conducted in a safe manner without risk to the health of participants
- The provision and maintenance of equipment and buildings for Members and others is safe and without risk to health and adequate for their welfare
- Information, instruction, training and supervision is provided with the object of ensuring the health and safety of all those involved in Scouting activities or who may be affected by them
- Appropriate arrangements are made to ensure safety and the absence of risks to health in connection with the use, transport, storage and handling of equipment, and substances which are inherently or potentially dangerous.

Safe premises

At all levels of Scouting we use some sort of premises to meet and carry out activities. You may own yours or hire it from the local group, council, church or school. You may even use a campsite.

In all circumstances we have a duty to ensure they are safe places for young people, adults and visitors. Guidance exists to help you achieve and manage this, accessed in the Member's section on the www.scouts.org.uk website, link below

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=299,301>

Health and Safety Policy

Section A: General Statement of Policy

As part of the Scout Association it is the policy of The Derby East District Executive Committee to adhere to the following Health and Safety Policy as far as is reasonably practicable, in accordance with the 1974 Health and Safety at Work Act. This applies equally to everybody, whether they are members, employees, contractors or visitors.

1. To provide and maintain a safe place of activity/work without risk to health.
2. To provide systems and procedures for activities/work that are safe and without risk to health.
3. To provide and maintain plant and equipment for activity/work that are safe and without risk to health.
4. To make arrangements to ensure safety and the absence of risks to health in connection with the use, transport, storage and handling of articles and substances that are inherently or potentially dangerous.
5. To maintain any workplace under the Association's control in a safe and risk free condition and ensure that all entrances and exits from the workplace are safe and risk free.

6. To communicate to all our Scouting community the Scout Association's commitment to safety and to provide comprehensive information, instruction, training and supervision, with the object of ensuring, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health and safety at work of everyone.
7. To provide and maintain a working environment for employees, visitors and contractors which is safe and without risk to health and which is adequate as regards facilities and arrangements for their welfare at work.

The policy will be reviewed annually to reflect changes to responsibilities and operating procedures.

Activities

All of our adult members go through an intensive training process and will be qualified, where appropriate, with the relevant National Governing Body qualification for the activity.

Working with children and young people

All of our adult members are subject to The Scout Association's Confidential Enquiry, (CE), and DBS checks. All work to The Scout Association Safeguarding and Safety guidelines and are given specific training where issues may arise during the course of instructing activities.

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessments and Operational Guidelines for specific areas and/or operations supplement this general policy and should be read in conjunction with the policy document.

The following documents will provide information:

[FS120000 Activities - Risk Assessment](#) (PDF) (this includes a sample Risk Assessment Form)

[FS320010 Managing a Safe Scout Premises](#) (PDF)

[Safety checklist for leaders](#) (PDF)

[Safety checklist for Executive Committees](#) (PDF)

[Safety checklist for managers](#) (PDF)

[Safe Scouting and Emergency procedures \(Purple Card\)](#)

Code of Practice for Contractors: Sharing good practice

If you are a Trustee (Group / District) that has the responsibility for a property then you will also have a duty of care for anybody, volunteer or contractor, who undertakes work on the property or building. It is likely that from time to time, somebody will need to undertake checks, make repairs or improvements to the building.

The Scout Association uses a Code of Practice for Contractors, which contains information concerning working practices and requirements expected of all contractors when they are working on Headquarters premises. The code is also a useful tool for guidance about safer systems of work.

[Download a copy of the Code of Practice](#)

Please be aware that the version which can be accessed is written specifically for the National Centres. The content should only require a minimal amount of adaptation to make it relevant for your premises.

Reviewed by the Derby East District Safety Adviser who advised the Executive Committee **15 February 2021**

Signed: *Tim Boddy* District Chairman