

NEWCASTLE SCOUT DISTRICT

Safety Policy

It is the policy of Newcastle District Scout Council to provide Scouting in a safe manner without risk to health, so far as is reasonably practicable.

The District 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.

Responsibilities within the Safety Policy

All persons involved with Scouting are responsible for the operation of the District's Safety Policy.

It is the responsibility of all persons to ensure that:

- they do not endanger the health and safety of themselves or others;
- they observe the rules established for the safety of those involved in Scouting activities.

The District Commissioner must be satisfied that all applicants for adult appointments are fully aware that they will be required by their personal example to implement the Association's Safety Policy.

Group Scout Leaders must be satisfied that all those whom they invite to assist them in the work of the Scout Group are competent persons to carry out the tasks given to them and are aware of their responsibilities under the District's Safety Policy.

Local responsibility for the management of the Safety Policy of the District rests with the Chairman of the appropriate District or Group Executive Committee.

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WHAT NEXT ? -

IMPLEMENTATION -

RAISE AWARENESS - OF POLICY, FACTSHEETS, RISK ASSESSMENTS,
ACCIDENT BOOKS, ACCIDENT REPORTING

HOW ? - MEET WITH GROUPS, WEBSITE, DISTRIBUTE
FACTSHEETS, RISK ASSESSMENT TRAINING

ASBESTOS REVIEWS

DO WE NEED A DISTRICT VERSION OF THE COUNTY'S 'GENERAL
MANAGEMENT STATEMENT OF SAFETY POLICY' & 'LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY
FOR MANAGEMENT' ?