



## Buckmore Park Scout Campsite Health and Safety Statement

It is the responsibility of all those involved in Scouting to ensure, so far as is reasonably practical, that all activities are conducted in a safe manner without risk to the health of the participants.

Buckmore Park Scout Campsite's policy is to provide safe and healthy working conditions for all those involved with the running of the campsite and all campsite users.

Anyone becoming aware of unsafe working practices, unsafe equipment, working conditions or in the case of emergency should report this by emailing [graeme@buckmorepark.org.uk](mailto:graeme@buckmorepark.org.uk) or phoning 01634 753522.

The topic of "Health and Safety" will be a standing agenda item for all Campsite Operation Committee (BPOC) and Charity Trustee Meetings.

BPSC, by the nature of its environment and activities has a variety of potential dangers and risks not normally present in a workplace. The presence of uneven ground, trees, tree surgery equipment, open fires, pressure stoves, activity equipment, vehicles, office and workshop tools and equipment: as well as the use of the sites by large numbers of young people, means that all those involved with operating the campsite including campsite officials, instructors, voluntary helpers and users must be particularly vigilant and continually searching for safe working practices.

It is a requirement that all who visit BPSC act in a reasonable and proper way with regard to their personal behaviour, their care of the facilities, the conduct of activities, the duty of care, risk assessment and health and safety issues.

At BPSC, we believe risk assessments are an essential tool to ensuring the effective delivery of our Health & Safety Policy. Our risk assessments have been carried out by our own Health & Safety Team. Our risk assessments will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

All BPSC personnel:

- Before conducting tasks at BPSC have a responsibility to ensure they understand the risks associated with the activity and have the appropriate training, expertise, accreditation, authorisation, and where appropriate, qualifications to do so.
- Copies of relevant qualifications must be provided to the Operations Committee before the associated task is undertaken.
- If working alone, consider any additional risks associated with the task, including the consequences of accidents and ability to seek assistance. Reference must be made to the **BPSC Lone Worker Policy and Guidelines**.
- If conducting a task for the first time, must refer to the **BPSC Site Risk Assessments and Bookings Information Pack** and to see if a risk assessment has been prepared for the activity. If a risk assessment has been completed this must be read and understood. The risk assessment is a starting point and individuals must pay attention to any additional risks.
- If conducting a task without a specific risk assessment, the individual must consider the general risk assessment for the site and consider the specific risks associated with the task. If the individual considers the tasks presents a level of risk that they are not able to



mitigate to an acceptable level or they feel they do not understand the level of risk they are not to conduct the activity and to seek guidance

from the BPOC.

- Be aware that a range of resources are available, covering all areas that affect safety in Scouting, with the intention of providing clear and practical guidance as well as promoting a strong culture of safety throughout the Movement. Visit the pages below for further information relating to specific areas and to download resources.  
<http://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=299,301>
- In line with Scout Association policy must safeguard the welfare of all members and users of its premises by protecting them from physical, sexual, and emotional harm.
- Are expected to abide by the Scout Association's alcohol policy.
- Are expected to abide by the Scout Association's smoking and vaping policy.
- If necessary remind Leaders of visiting groups to ensure that all their members are properly supervised at all times whilst on site since there is equipment on site some of which is provided for the members enjoyment or maintenance of the site which is dangerous if used unsupervised. Whilst BPSC personnel will keep a look out for dangerous behaviour, it is the visiting leaders who are responsible for the safety and supervision of their members.
- Activity groups under the instruction of BPSC personnel must have a leader with them who should have in their possession all documentation referring to names, addresses and home contact details of the group under instruction.

In order to ensure awareness of and compliance with of this BPSC Health and Safety Statement, BPSC require that all BPSC personnel sign below, and that any contravention of the Scout Association's Child Protection Code of Practice could lead to the Scout Association initiating its reporting and referral procedures.

NOTE: Making a signature of acceptance of the above direction and requirements is an integral part induction for all BPSC personnel.

Read, accepted and signed by (insert name) .....

Insert signature.....date .....

Signed on behalf of BPSC Operations Committee

.....date .....

Name .....