



The Baden-Powell Scouts' Association Safety Policy

It is the policy of The Baden-Powell Scouts' Association (B-PSA) that all Scouting and associated activities are carried out in a safe manner with the minimum risk to the health, safety and wellbeing, so far as is reasonably practicable. This policy covers all adult members, young people, volunteers, and those participating in or attending such activities.

The Association takes all reasonable steps to ensure that through the provision of relevant policies, procedures, guidelines and training all Scouting and associated activities are carried out in a safe environment and actively promote a culture where risk to health and safety is, where practicable, minimised and managed.

Every member has, by law, a duty of care not only to ensure their own safety, but also to ensure that no one else comes to harm, either through their actions or omissions. All leaders have the responsibility of making sure that all activities organised are carried out in a safe manner. This should be done with current accepted good practice and with due consideration of current 'Health and Safety Legislation'.

When organising any activity attention must be given to the rules and requirements of the Association's PAR, child protection policy and The Qualification and Supervision for Scouting Activities document and any amendments to them or policies and guidelines subsequently issued.

For any activity not covered in these documents permission to undertake such activities must be sought before it takes place from your Area Commissioner (AC) and the Association's insurance advisor.

Before any activity or event takes place, a risk assessment is to be carried out. This should be done with the support and consultation of the Group Scout Master (GSM), who is responsible for promoting safe practice within the Group.

If there is any doubt about the arrangements for an activity, the Area Commissioner (AC) or Headquarters Commissioner (HQ Comm.) for the appropriate section should be consulted.

The purpose of the risk assessment (defined in the Association's Activity Policy) procedure is to ensure that B-PSA policy and procedures are fully understood and complied with.

From time to time the B-PSA will issue notes for guidance relating to safety issues.