

The Scout Association Safety Policy

It is the policy of The Scout Association to provide opportunities for young people and adult volunteers to develop and appreciate what risk is and how it is managed. This vital skill for life is developed by providing opportunities to learn and experience activities that are adventurous but where risk is controlled and managed as far as is reasonably practicable.

The Scouts recognises that life is not risk-free and, in its turn, Scouts programmes are not risk-free. As the Scouts, we endeavour to manage these risks to wellbeing and safety to be as low as is reasonably practicable. Identifying and proportionately managing risk is a skill for life that we wish to kindle, develop and enhance in all of our members.

In order to do this Scouts provides guidance and a learning programme for its volunteers.

Responsibilities within the Safety Policy

All those involved in the Scouts are accountable for and must demonstrate an ability and understanding of the following, so far as is reasonably practicable and to the extent of their role to:

- a. Ensure they are competent to undertake their task, through attending appropriate learning sessions, checking their understanding of instructions and information, and remaining current in these competencies.
- b. Properly assess the risk of every Scouting activity undertaken. This assessment should be suitable and sufficient for the activity being undertaken, and it follows that activities with higher risk should require more in-depth assessment.
- c. Provide clear instructions and information to anyone who requires this, be it adult volunteer or young person, in order to ensure any activity is conducted with safety and wellbeing in mind.
- d. Prevent accidents and cases of ill health by managing the health and safety risks in the Scouts
- e. Ensure that the environment they are working in, or using for the Scouts activities, is maintained safely and there are no risks to health. Also, that any equipment or substances used are safe and stored safely.
- f. Review risk assessments as often as necessary when circumstances, environment or conditions change.
- g. Never be afraid to change or stop an activity if risk increases

Taken from the Scout Association Policy Organisation and Rules Section 2a.7

Macclesfield and Congleton Scout District Safety Arrangements Barnswood Campsite

The responsibility for the ensuring that the Scouting Health and Safety Policy is implemented within the Barnswood Campsite lies with the District Board of Trustees.

If you have any concerns about Health and Safety issues with the buildings, facilities, or campsites at Barnswood, please raise these with either

Mark Eden, Campsite Lead Volunteer 07954 037317

Or

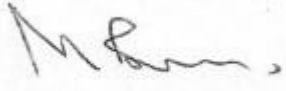
Mike Brown District Lead Volunteer 07901 852604

All Accidents to be recorded in the Accident Book which is located in the Wardens Lodge along with the First Aid kit.

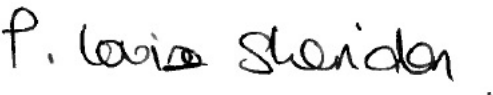
Any Accidents that are reportable under the Scouting Purple Card are to be reported to the Group Lead Volunteer or their nominated deputy. It is the responsibility of the Group Lead Volunteer to ensure that the steps detailed on the Purple Card are followed.

The District Board of Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the buildings are maintained and that the routine Health and Safety checks on the building and equipment are carried out and recorded in line with the Scout Associations policies and Statutory Legislation.

Signed District Lead Volunteer



Signed District Chair, on behalf of the Trustees



18th November 2025