



WYTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

GENERAL STATEMENT

Wythall Parish Council recognises and accepts its responsibilities as an employer for providing a safe and healthy working environment for all its employees, contractors and visitors who may be affected by the activities of the Council.

The Council will meet its responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Etc. Act 1974, and will provide, as far as is reasonably practicable, the resources necessary to fulfil this commitment.

The Council will seek, as and when appropriate, expert technical advice on Health and Safety to assist the Executive Officer in fulfilling the Council's responsibilities for ensuring safe working conditions.

AIMS OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

To provide as far as is reasonably practicable:

- A safe place of work and a safe working environment.
- Arrangements for considering, reporting and reviewing matters of Health and Safety at work, including regular risk assessments of working activities.
- Systems of work that are safe and without risks to health.
- Obtaining specialist technical advice and assistance on matters of Health and Safety when necessary.
- Sufficient information, instruction and training for employees to carry out their work safely.
- Care and attention to the health, safety and welfare of employees and members of the public who may be affected by the council's activities

ARRANGEMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CARRYING OUT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

As the Council's Safety Officer, the Executive Officer will:

- Keep informed of relevant health and safety legislation.
- Advise the Council on the resources and arrangements necessary to fulfil the Council's responsibilities under the Health and Safety Policy.
- Make effective arrangements to implement the Health and Safety Policy.
- Ensure that matters of health and safety are regularly discussed at meetings of the Parish Council as and when necessary.

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- Ensure that regular risk assessments are carried out of working practices and facilities, with subsequent consideration and review of any necessary corrective/protective measures. Maintain a file of risk assessments, summarised in the minutes.
- Make effective arrangements to ensure those contractors working for the Council comply with all reasonable health and safety requirements.
- Ensure that work activities by the Council do not unreasonably jeopardise the health and safety of members of the public.
- Maintain a central record of notified accidents.
- When an accident or hazardous incident occurs, take immediate action to prevent a recurrence or further accident and to complete the necessary accident reporting procedure.
- Act as the contact and liaison point for the Health and Safety Executive.

All employees will:

- Cooperate fully with the aims and requirements of the Policy. Comply with Codes of Practice or work instructions for health and safety.
- Take reasonable care for their own health and safety and, where appropriate, ensure that appropriate First Aid materials are available.
- Take reasonable care for the health and safety of other people who may be affected by their activities.
- Report any accidents or hazardous incidents to the Executive Officer.