



Health and Safety Policy

Woodlands Football Club is committed to providing a safe coaching and playing environments for all members, volunteers and any related third parties. Responsibility for health and safety ultimately lies with the Chair of Woodlands Football Club, Mark Adey.

However, all members and volunteers have a legal responsibility, as stated under Section 7 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, to do everything practicable to prevent an accident or injury to themselves and to fellow members, volunteers and any related third parties.

Woodlands Football Club aims to promote health and safety, so far as reasonably practicable, by ensuring:

- The provision and maintenance of safe equipment that poses no risk to health
- The provision of relevant information to learners, personnel and any related third parties, including instruction, training and supervision, as is necessary to ensure health and safety
- Maintenance of safe environments, including a means of access in a condition that is safe and without risk to health
- Progressive identification and assessment of all risk, taking measures to eliminate or control it
- Compliance with statutory regulation on health and safety and welfare of learners, personnel and any related third parties
- The health and safety and welfare of vulnerable members is addressed through positive action
- All required and appropriately qualified members of personnel are given training to identify and control potentially hazardous situations/environments
- Effective measures, such as fire alarms, are in place to deal with emergencies.

This list is not exhaustive and represents general principles followed by Woodlands Football Club in respect of health and safety.

First Aid

Team managers are nominated first-aiders, holding current FA Introduction to First Aid in Football first-aid certificates. Therefore, the applicable team manager must be contacted in the event of an incident occurring, to administer any first aid required.

It is important that all issues where a first-aider has been required are recorded by completing an incident report form. Team managers or their nominated deputy (holding the Introduction to First Aid in Football qualification) are required to be on site at the time of training/matches taking place. Team managers will carry a first aid kit at and ensure its availability for all events.

Woodlands Football Club Risk Assessment Procedures

Team managers or volunteers must ensure that suitable and sufficient control measures are in place to reduce identified risks when they are attending any training, matches or club events. Any information identified in relation to risk should be shared with/distributed to other members of the club as appropriate. All personnel required to conduct risk assessments will be given the appropriate training and/or will be made aware of what is expected of them in advance.

Prior to conducting training, matches or club events, the team manager or volunteer will conduct or review a risk assessment and record relevant findings in line with the above policy. Where a team manager or volunteer runs a session or event without a risk assessment, a risk assessment must be conducted, to ensure the health and safety of all present using the nominated club template.