



HSE Policy statement

Part 1: Statement of intent

This is the health and safety policy statement of:

Treemendous York Partnership

Our health and safety policy is to:

- Prevent accidents
- Manage health & safety risks during tree associated activities
- Provide clear information to volunteers
- Advise volunteers that children under the age of 18 and vulnerable adults must be accompanied by a responsible adult
- Advise volunteers to wear weatherproof clothing, sturdy footwear and sun protection
- Advise volunteers on site specific risks and to request that they inform the activity leader of any health & safety concerns they may identify.
- Provide limited simple tools that have been checked prior to issue to volunteers (eg hammers, mallets, spades)
- Review & revise this policy 5 yearly or in the case of any changes.

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Chair Treemendous York Partnership

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Part 2: Responsibilities for health and safety

1 Overall and final responsibility for health and safety:

Chair of Tremendous York Partnership

2 Day-to-day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice:

Members of Management Committee taking the lead during tree related activities

3 To ensure health and safety standards are maintained/improved, the following people have responsibility in the following areas:

Members of Management Committee taking the lead for a tree related activity will undertake risk assessment prior to the activity and continue with dynamic risk assessments during the activity. All members of the management committee will review any incidents or accidents that may occur during an activity, in order to prevent future occurrences.

4 All volunteers should:

- co-operate with activity leaders on health and safety matters;
- take reasonable care of their own health and safety; and
- report all health and safety concerns to an appropriate person (as detailed above).

Part 3: Arrangements for health and safety

Risk assessment

We will undertake risk assessments prior to activities.
We will inform volunteers of any specific risks identified in their invitation.
We will continue to undertake dynamic risk assessments during activities.

Training

We will provide volunteers with information such as:

- the activity location,
- suitable footwear / clothing / sun protection,
- nearest welfare facilities / where they can park vehicles / leave bikes,
- any identified site specific risks,
- children under the age of 18 and vulnerable adults must be accompanied by a responsible adult
- how to use hammers / mallets / spades safely

Consultation

We will request that volunteers inform the activity leader of any health & safety concerns they may identify.
We will hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) every year, to discuss the activities and management of the group.

Evacuation

Volunteer activities are outdoors.