

Somerset West and Taunton Volunteer Health and Safety Policy

Introduction

Health and safety are everyone's responsibility; we all have a role to play in identifying risks and minimising harm to others.

The [insert volunteer project or opportunity name here] are run by Somerset West and Taunton Council.

We have a 'duty of care' requirement to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of anyone that deals with a [insert volunteer project or opportunity name here]; this includes volunteers, employees, and the general public. We are committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of our volunteers.

We want you to feel safe while you volunteer at a [insert volunteer project or opportunity name here], and we want the public to feel safe using a [insert volunteer project or opportunity name here] too.

The Council's Responsibilities

Risks can be minimised in a number of ways, depending on the hazard being faced. The Council will:

- Carry out risk assessments and make volunteers aware of relevant working practices
- Provide information and training to help volunteers understand how to keep themselves and others safe in the [insert volunteer project or opportunity name here]
- Provide supervision from a Volunteer Manager
- Introduce and update safe working practices
- Provide protective clothing and equipment where appropriate.
- Provide insurance cover for volunteers under the Council's Employer Liability and Public Liability insurance.

Your Responsibilities

All individuals, including volunteers, have a responsibility to look after their own health and safety and report concerns in accordance with this Policy.

As a volunteer, we would expect that you will:

- Complete all relevant training in relation to health and safety
- Follow the safe working practices

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- Be familiar with and understand the health and safety policies and procedures relating to your work.
- Work with your Volunteer Manager to ensure that you feel confident in working within this environment and have the knowledge and skills to carry out your tasks in this context.
- Report any health and safety concerns to your Volunteer Manager

The Council's full Health and Safety Policy can be accessed via...