



**Staffordshire County Scout Council  
Safety policy**

**Statement of intent**

Staffordshire County Scout Council accepts its duty of care to ensure it provides a safe environment as responsibly practicable for all its members and supporters, whilst fulfilling its role in ensuring the purpose of Scouting is fully achieved.

The purpose of Scouting is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Staffordshire Scout County comprises eleven Scout Districts; one County Scout Network based at Keele University and has one County Scout Fellowship.

Staffordshire County Scout Council will achieve its responsibilities by:

- Providing adequate resources to effectively manage health and safety.
- Assessing the risks arising from our activities and eliminating/reducing the risks identified to as low a level as is reasonably practicable.
- Providing and maintaining safe buildings, plant and equipment.
- Maintaining a safe and healthy environment.
- Ensuring the safe use of all work equipment and substances.
- Ensuring the competency of our employees and all others who engage in our activities by providing relevant information, instruction, training and supervision.
- Including H&S as an agenda item at all meetings.
- Investigating all accidents, cases of work-related ill health and near-misses, however minor, in order to prevent recurrence.
- Only using contractors whose competency has been verified for the type of work to be undertaken.
- Monitoring our health & safety performance and auditing compliance with our systems and procedures.
- Working towards continual improvement.
- Regularly reviewing this policy and other relevant policies, procedures and safe systems of work.

Signed

Brian Lloyd County Chairman Staffordshire County Scout Council

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