

Health and Safety Policy

The Friends of Sandall Park voluntary group has a commitment towards good health and safety standards. We recognise that we have

- A duty of care to our volunteers:
- To treat volunteers with equal consideration when it comes to health and safety, and
- A responsibility to limit the risks to anyone coming into contact with our organisation either as a member or member of the public.

Assessing risk requires detailed knowledge of our organisation's activities and working practices that are normally only possessed by the people who actually do the work/activities which are being risk assessed. It should never just be left to the 'experts'.

Risk assessments are an excellent way to identify and overcome health and safety problems it involves identifying all hazards, assessing the risks, and putting in place measures to reduce the risk to an acceptable level

We will carry out risk assessments and complete action plans for all activities that we undertake identifying potential hazards and harm.

Risk is assessed by looking at two key elements

- A hazard: anything that has the potential to cause harm
- Risk: the likelihood of a hazard causing harm and the degree of harm it could cause.

Risk assessments will be undertaken for all activities including,

- Volunteering Days
- Litter clearance
- Organising Events
- Assisting other groups
- General Park Maintenance

This is not an exhaustive list.

We will take steps

- To not harm or damage the health of volunteers or members through their involvement in the activities of our organisation.
- To ensure that our volunteers can work in a safe environment where levels of risk have been reduced to a minimum

We will have a Public Liability Insurance Policy in place which indemnifies the acts of volunteers.

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