

Health and Safety Policy of Nailsea & Backwell RFC

General statements of intent

This policy sets out how the business intends to provide and maintain safe premises and healthy working environments for its staff and visitors. To achieve this the business will:

1. Assess risks effectively and apply measures to control them. It aims to provide and maintain safe plant, equipment and associated operating procedures.
2. Identify substances that are potentially hazardous to health and make sure arrangements are made to control the risk they pose.
3. Provide information, instruction, training and supervision to ensure everyone is able to carry out their work safely. These provisions will be refreshed periodically or when anything that could affect Health and Safety changes significantly.
4. Involve and consult with department leaders on Health and Safety issues.
5. Investigate accidents, incidents and cases of work related illness, so it can be identified and put right any shortcomings in its Health and Safety management processes.
6. Have effective arrangements in place to deal with injuries and reduce the effects of any incidents that could result in injury, ill health or damage to the environment.
7. Make sure information on Health and Safety issues is shared across the business.
8. Make sure it continuously improves its Health and Safety performance and that resources are available to help it deliver those improvements.
9. Review its Health and Safety policies and procedures at least once a year.

General information

1. The business employs five (5) or more employees. Its sole place of business is: West End Lane, Nailsea, Bristol, North Somerset BS48 4BY.

2. The business is compliant with the Employers' Liability (Compulsory) Insurance Regulations 1998 and is displaying copies of its Certificate of Insurance at its place of business.

Organisation of Health and Safety responsibilities within Nailsea & Backwell RFC

Everyone within Nailsea & Backwell RFC has a responsibility for ensuring that the business operates safely. Specific responsibilities are listed below.

1. The senior management through Club Chairman will ensure that there are effective policies, codes of conduct and instructions to staff for health, safety and welfare, issued on behalf of the business, for all workers in the business whether employed, self employed or contractors working on site.
2. The senior management through Club Chairman has delegated the day to day responsibilities for Health and Safety to Rugby Safe Lead who has the following specific responsibilities
 - 2.1 Rugby Safe Lead is to ensure that the business is given current information regarding Health and Safety legislation.
 - 2.2 Rugby Safe Lead is to assist Club Chairman in identifying the business's responsibilities and to initiate and advise on amendments to the Health and Safety policy. Codes of Conduct and any safety instructions.
 - 2.3 Rugby Safe Lead shall disseminate information on health, safety and welfare within the organisation as appropriate.
 - 2.4 Rugby Safe Lead shall be the custodian of the business's Health and Safety records.
 - 2.5 Rugby Safe Lead shall co-ordinate the business's Health and Safety audits and inspections/risk assessments and supervise the general administration arising from Health and Safety matters.
 - 2.6 Chair of House shall arrange for workers' safety representatives to be appointed (where appropriate) and trained, and shall ensure that they perform their duties satisfactorily.

2.7 Rugby Safe Lead shall ensure that records are kept of the business's activities in respect of:

2.7.1 Training given to all workers (including safety representatives).

2.7.2 Copies of all inspection/audit and risk assessment reports; and

2.7.3 Accident/incident reports and statistics.

2.8 Rugby Safe Lead shall compile the following for the Club Chairman

2.8.1 An annual report on the state of Health and Safety within the business which shall give an overview of the training of workers, any repairs and maintenance that are required in the interests of Health and Safety recommendations on procedures that need to be introduced to comply with current and forthcoming Health and Safety legislation and accident statistics for the business.

2.9 Rugby Safe Lead will ensure that workers' reports are completed where accidents and incidents occur, that appropriate entries are made in the accident book and that when required, the accidents/incidents are reported to the appropriate enforcing authority.

2.10 Rugby Safe Lead, in conjunction with Department Leads, will arrange Health and Safety training courses for all workers/volunteers (where appropriate) including induction training.

2.11 Chair of House will liaise with the fire authorities, environmental health officers and other official bodies as appropriate.

2.12 Chair of House will arrange for the testing and inspection by a competent contractor, of fire alarms, fire fighting appliances, and emergency lighting within the business area. Records will be kept of those tests and inspections.

2.13 Rugby Safe Lead will monitor the safety performance of the business as a whole by monitoring the accident books, the use of first aid facilities, the length of time that is taken before action is taken on repairs and maintenance, and reports from enforcement authorities, safety representatives and Health and Safety advisors.

2.14 Chair of House will monitor the appointment of contractors to perform work for the business, and will ensure, by reference to materials supplied by the contractors in respect of Health and Safety enquiries, that they are competent to carry out the work. During the period that the contractors are on the premises, Chair of House will continue to monitor the work of those contractors.

2.15 Rugby Safe Lead will ensure that risk assessments are performed reviewed and recorded as required by legislation.

2.16 Rugby Safe Lead will arrange for occupational health medical examinations to be undertaken where necessary

3 All workers have the following responsibilities:

3.1 To read and understand this Health and Safety policy and to perform their work in accordance with the requirements of this document.

3.2 To read and understand and codes of conduct and any safety instructions that are issued from time to time, and to perform their work in accordance with the requirements of those documents, and

3.3 To comply with section 7 and section 8 of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 in respect of their work and in particular:

3.3.1 To take care of their own Health and Safety and that of others who may be affected by their acts of omissions.

3.3.2 To co operate with the employer to enable the business to comply with any legal duty or requirement placed upon it or its workers.

3.3.3 Not to recklessly or intentionally interfere with anything provided in the interests of Health and Safety.

3.3.4 To work in a safe manner and not to take unnecessary risks that could endanger themselves or others.

3.3.5 Where possible, to remove hazards or protect persons, as far as is reasonably practicable.

- 3.3.6 To follow laid down procedures and report to their line manager:
 - 3.3.6.1 Any injury to themselves or others caused by work activities
 - 3.3.6.2 Any hazards that they find
 - 3.3.6.3 Any damage or defect to equipment, machinery etc.
- 3.3.7 To suggest ways of improving the Health and Safety policy and working methods to their immediate line manager.
- 3.3.8 To ensure that equipment is kept in good condition, and use the correct equipment for the task to be undertaken.
- 3.3.9 Not to use equipment etc for which it was not intended or for which they have not been trained.
- 3.3.10 Where using, visiting or working on premises other than those under the control of the company, to ensure that they are aware of any Health and Safety policies and procedures that may apply and are in force.
- 3.3.11 Not to take risks while working or indulge in horseplay, practical jokes etc
- 3.3.12 To ensure that any young or inexperienced person working on the premises is not put at risk.
- 3.3.13 To know the emergency procedures that may apply to the premises, and familiarise themselves with the escape routes, fire alarm system, and fire fighting equipment; and
- 3.3.14 To take care of visitors and others when having meetings on the premises, ensuring that they are not put at risk, are aware of any hazards on the premises and follow the emergency procedures if necessary.

Regular surveillance

1. Chair of House will perform an inspection of the business's workplace on a regular basis to ensure that hazards and risks are reduced to the lowest level reasonably practicable.

Smoking

1. Smoking is prohibited throughout the entire workplace with no exceptions.
2. The business has a smoking policy. Overall responsibility for the smoking policy implementation and review rests with Bar Manager. All workers are obliged to adhere to, and facilitate the implementation of the policy. Bar Manager shall inform all existing workers, consultants and contractors of the policy and their role in the implementation and monitoring of the policy. Bar Manager will also give all new personnel a copy of the policy on recruitment/induction. Appropriate 'No Smoking' signs will be clearly displayed at the entrances to, and within the premises. Local disciplinary procedures will be followed if a worker does not comply with this policy. Those who do not comply with the smoking law are also liable to a fixed penalty fine, and possible criminal prosecution. The business will provide support for smokers who want to stop.

Risk Assessments

1. The business has prepared or is preparing various risk assessments of specific risks arising within its business. Workers should contact Chair of House on specific risks.
2. The business shall review these risk assessments at least as often as may be required in accordance with applicable regulations.

Signed as being the Health and Safety Policy on 30th January 2021

Club Chairman

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