Calderdale Badger Protection Group

Health and Safety Policy

Aims:

- We aim to provide information/ guidance on systems of work for all volunteers.
- We aim to provide such information, training and supervision as is needed for this purpose.
- We aim to advise on appropriate PPE, where required.
- We aim to ensure safe handling and use of hazardous substances, in line with COSHH regulations.

1. Responsibilities

All volunteers have a duty to:

1.1. co-operate on health and safety matters

1.2. not interfere with anything provided to safeguard their health and safety

1.3. take reasonable care of their own and others' health and safety

1.4. use equipment correctly in accordance with training and instructions

1.5. report all health and safety concerns to an appropriate person.

2. Risk assessment

2.1. General risk assessments for field activities will be completed, and then reviewed annually by the committee. Specific risk assessments may be required if additional activities are undertaken.

2.2. Responsibility for observing the decisions made in the risk assessment lies with all volunteers.

2.3. Where required and practicable, risk assessments for specific activities will be carried out by the volunteer who is planning that activity. That volunteer is responsible for ensuring all volunteers taking part in the activity are able and have sufficient time to view the specific risk assessment.

3. Reasonable level of risk

3.1. We aim to avoid unnecessary risk and high levels of risk. However, activities inherently involve varying levels of risk. It is for each volunteer to decide whether they are willing to undertake an activity based on the anticipated level of risk.

3.2 CBPG has valid insurance for general fieldwork activities. Details are available on request.

This policy will be reviewed every 12 months. It may also be updated as part of ongoing improvement activities and revised, when necessary, in response to feedback and changes in practices.

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