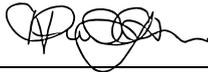




Horizons Plymouth – Health and Safety Policy

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1. About this policy

This policy sets out our arrangements for ensuring we meet our health and safety obligations to staff and anyone visiting our premises or affected by our work.

The CEO and Senior Management Team have overall responsibility for health and safety and the operation of this policy.

This policy does not form part of any employee's contract of employment, and we may amend it at any time. We will continue to review this policy to ensure it is achieving its aims.

2. Your responsibilities

All staff share responsibility for achieving safe working conditions. You must take care of your own health and safety and that of others, observe applicable safety rules and follow instructions for the safe use of equipment.

You should report any health and safety concerns immediately to your line manager or the Senior Management Team.

You must co-operate with managers on health and safety matters, including the investigation of any incident.

Failure to comply with this policy may be treated as misconduct and dealt with under our Disciplinary Procedure.

3. Health and Safety Committee

The Andrew Simpson Foundation including all entities has a Health and Safety Committee that meets twice a year. This committee takes responsibility for:

- Producing and reviewing appropriate H&S Procedures as required to ensure that the organisations Health and Safety responsibilities are met;
- Ensuring that all employees are kept informed of their H&S responsibilities and duties as necessary; and
- Ensuring that all Boards are kept abreast of any regulatory changes in relation to H&S and the impact such changes may have on business and operations.

Full Terms of Reference and minutes for the Health and Safety Committee are available.



4. Information and consultation

We will inform and consult your elected workplace safety representatives regarding health and safety matters.

5. Training

We will ensure that you are given adequate training and supervision to perform your work competently and safely.

Staff will be given a health and safety induction and provided with appropriate safety training, including manual handling, control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH), working at height, electrical safety and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

6. Equipment

You must use equipment in accordance with any instructions given to you. Any equipment fault or damage must immediately be reported to your line manager. Do not attempt to repair equipment unless trained to do so.

7. Accidents and first aid

Details of first aid facilities and the names of trained first aiders are displayed on the notice boards.

All accidents and injuries at work, however minor, should be reported to your line manager and recorded in the Accident Book which is kept locally at each site.

All staff should familiarise themselves with the fire safety instructions, which are displayed on notice boards and near fire exits in the workplace.

If you hear a fire alarm, leave the building immediately by the nearest fire exit and go to the fire assembly point. Each site will have an Assembly point which will be shown to you on joining.

Fire drills will be held frequently and must be taken seriously. We also carry out regular fire risk assessments and regular checks of fire extinguishers, fire alarms, escape routes and emergency lighting.

8. Risk assessments and measures to control risk

We carry out general workplace risk assessments periodically. The purpose is to assess the risks to health and safety of employees, visitors and other third parties as a result of our activities, and to identify any measures that need to be taken to control those risks.

9. Computers and display screen equipment

If you use a computer screen or other display screen equipment (DSE) as a significant part of your work, you are entitled to a workstation assessment and regular eyesight tests by an optician at our expense.

Further information on workstation assessments, eye tests and the use of DSE can be obtained from your line manager.