

# Duty of Care



**It is important that you deliver the contents of this document to your members. It is your means of conveying the important aspects of Duty of Care that all members must be aware of.**

Please do not alter the wording of this document in any way  
Please do not try to elaborate on any points contained.  
If there are any questions arising from the delivery of this statement that you cannot answer please do not feel obliged to say anything simply to satisfy the enquirer.  
Questions should be noted and raised with the Training and Development Manager and conveyed back to the enquirer.

As a member of this organisation we all owe each other a duty of care.

A Duty of Care is that which requires us to consider that the consequences of our acts or omissions do not give rise to a foreseeable risk of injury to any other person.

In addition to this, as an organised body of individuals performing a number of specific activities, we also owe a Duty of Care to people who we encounter through the pursuit of these activities: in other words members of the public.

It is important that everyone understands and accepts their responsibilities where safety is concerned to enable activities to operate as safely as possible. Those members who act in such a way as to deliberately endanger the wellbeing of others will be in breach of their duty of care and may be asked to withdraw from the activities of the organisation.

Our organisation has drawn up a safety code of practice having carried out a risk assessment of our activities. It is important that everyone has read this code of practice and adheres to the procedures laid down.

The purpose of such procedures and adherence to them is to protect and support all levels of the organisation from litigation. The regular monitoring and evaluation process that is part of the developing safety programme will continue to help eliminate or manage the foreseeable risks and avoid negligence. However, in the event of deliberate and reckless actions causing injury to another person negligence is likely to be cited.

Please be aware that no one would be expected to be 'expert' in any particular field neither would anyone be expected to guarantee the safety of others. Specific skills, knowledge and experience used in a reasonable manner are sufficient.

Whilst individual members are bound by the activity's own safety code of practice in addition to this, everyone is bound by the LUSU Safety Framework. Failure to comply with any aspect of this Framework, where it is relevant may result in suspension from LUSU.

It is important that all exec members especially Presidents and safety officers make themselves fully aware of the contents of the Safety Framework. Failure to comply with its contents due to 'not having read it' will not be a valid excuse.