



DEVON & SOMERSET GLIDING CLUB

HEALTH and SAFETY GUIDE

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This is the Health and Safety Guide of the Devon & Somerset Gliding Club (DSGC)

THE CLUB

The Devon & Somerset Gliding Club (the Club) is a non-profit making organization owned by its elected members. Its purpose is to provide members with recreational gliding and instruction in a safe and economical environment.

SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

The Club, although not obliged by the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 to maintain a health and safety document, has adopted a policy of establishing and maintaining a health and safety regime to the standards of a small business enterprise.

It is the intention that the Club is a safe environment for all members, visitors, and any staff and that everyone is aware of any hazard that may exist. It is also the intention that members be adequately informed to deal with any contingency that may arise in the absence of a designated office holder. To fulfil this endeavour it is incumbent upon all club members to follow the safe practices as prescribed by the Club and the British Gliding Association, and to report any hazard to an office holder and to advise fellow club members of the danger that has been identified.

ORGANISATION

The administration and authority of the Club is vested in a Committee of Management (CoM) elected by the Club membership to achieve its aims.

The Chairman of the CoM is the designated accountable manager for all non flying matters.

The Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) is responsible for all matters that relate to flying and related airfield activities, thus the CFI is the designated accountable manager for those areas. The CFI is guided and directed by the British Gliding Association (BGA), the governing body for gliding in the U.K. The CFI guides and directs members by issuing an Operations Manual containing the standard procedures to be noted and adopted by all pilots before flying as pilot in command (PIC). The manual is updated periodically and is supplemented by notices placed on prominent notice boards.

Flying from the club airfield or in club gliders may be carried out only by full members of the Club. Club members must read and digest the parts of the operations manual that are relevant to their proposed activity prior to commencing that activity.

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SAFETY OFFICER

A Safety Officer (the competent person) is appointed by the Committee to inspect and conduct the risk assessment of all facilities and activities and to advise the accountable managers of any deficiency and also to recommend any improvement to safety standards that he deems appropriate.

TECHNICAL OFFICER

A Technical Officer is appointed by the Committee. He receives technical guidance and direction from the BGA. He is responsible for ensuring that the airworthiness of the club gliders is continually maintained to the required standards. He also provides guidance to club members.

The Technical Officer advises the accountable manager of any deficiencies in required maintenance standards, and has the authority to determine that any aircraft within the club, or within the clubs domain, cannot be flown if it fails to meet the required standards of airworthiness.

Chairman

CFI

Safety Officer

Technical Officer

(Original signed by respective officers in April 2014)