

Stape Silver Band Health and Safety



HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Stape Silver Band is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its members, volunteers, visitors and members of the public who may be affected by the Band's activities.

The Band will take reasonable steps to prevent accidents, injury and ill health and to comply with relevant health and safety requirements.

Responsibilities

The Band Committee has overall responsibility for health and safety.

All members and volunteers are expected to:

- take reasonable care of their own health and safety and that of others;
- follow any reasonable safety instructions;
- report hazards, damaged equipment, accidents and near misses;
- use equipment safely and only for its intended purpose; and
- ask for assistance when moving heavy or awkward equipment.

Risk Assessment

The Band will identify significant hazards and maintain appropriate risk assessments for its activities.

These will include, where relevant:

- rehearsals and performances;
- slips, trips and trailing cables;
- manual handling of instruments and equipment;
- electrical and PA equipment;
- staging and performance areas;
- noise and hearing;
- outdoor performances;
- fire and emergency arrangements; and
- the safety of young people.

Additional risk assessments may be completed where an event or venue presents unusual risks.

Premises and Venues

The Band will take reasonable steps to ensure that rehearsal and performance areas are suitable and safe.

When using premises controlled by another organisation, the Band will follow the venue's health and safety, fire and emergency procedures.

Emergency exits and access routes must be kept clear.

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Equipment

Band-owned equipment should be maintained in a safe condition.

Damaged or defective equipment must not be used until repaired or replaced.

Members should take particular care when moving heavy instruments, percussion, PA equipment and other bulky items.

Accidents and Emergencies

Accidents, injuries, near misses and significant safety concerns should be reported to a member of the Band Committee.

Appropriate first aid and emergency arrangements will be followed according to the venue and circumstances.

Emergency services will be contacted where necessary.

Young People

The Band will take appropriate account of the safety and welfare of young musicians.

Young members will not be expected to undertake activities that are unsuitable for their age or physical capability.

Health and safety arrangements will operate alongside the Band's safeguarding procedures.

Review

This policy and the Band's risk assessments will be reviewed periodically and whenever there is a significant change in activities or circumstances.

Approved by: Stape Silver Band Committee

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

Review Date: _____