



## HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

The Committee of Newport Pagnell Town Football Club (The Club) regards the health and safety of the members and others who may be affected by their actions, to be of paramount importance. In support of this belief, members are to endeavour to take due care to promote health and safety throughout The Club's activities and to engender a positive attitude in management and supervision at all levels towards the prevention of accidents and the maintenance of a healthy environment. All members have a responsibility not to knowingly use unsafe equipment and to report any circumstances which could give rise to accidents to the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

In particular, The Club will so far as is reasonably practicable

1. Seek to maintain a safe and healthy training/playing environment and any other Club premises
2. Ensure that kit and equipment is safe and properly maintained; in particular goalposts where The FA's goalpost safety guidelines should be strictly adhered to.
3. Provide and maintain suitable and adequate arrangements for warning in case of fire or other emergency and for the safe and effective evacuation of The Club premises
4. Provide and maintain safe working procedures throughout The Club's activities with due consideration of the safe use, handling, storage, transport, maintenance and/or disposal of any materials, substances, kit or equipment which may be involved.
5. Ensure that each Club team has officials with the appropriate level of checks (e.g. CRB check and Safeguarding Children workshop as a minimum) in accordance with The FA's directives
6. Endeavour to ensure through a training programme, that all members are competent to perform their tasks safely and without risk to health.
7. Provide and maintain an Accident Book containing Incident Forms for the recording of any injury sustained by Club members whilst playing football. Generally, these forms should be used for any injury sustained at The Club grounds for any injury that involves a cut/bleed or break, head/neck/back injury, or anything else that needs a doctor or hospital treatment only.
8. On match days ensure that a 1 metre touchline barrier is roped or coned off so as to clearly indicate the safety zone for match officials and parents/spectators/etc alike. Note this is mandatory for the Youth section, whereas it is a best practice and Club recommendation for the Nursery section.
9. It is expected that each coach will conduct a safety check prior to any training session. Likewise referees have a duty to inspect the field of play prior to any game. Any arising safety issues are to be addressed and resolved before the training/match can take place.