

Thoughtful  Education

Health & Safety Policy

Signed:



Name:

Sue Michaels

Position:

Director

Date:

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Introduction

It is the policy of Thoughtful Education to ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, the health and safety of all staff, whether full-time, part-time, or independent contractors, volunteers, all students attending our programmes, and all others who may be affected by their undertakings and to comply with the Health and Safety at work etc. Act 1974 and all other relevant legislation as appropriate.

In addition to this policy statement, Thoughtful Education will be responsible for developing and undertaking risk assessments and safety procedures that are required to undertake its day to day operational requirements.

Principle Policy Aims

The principle aims of this statement is to ensure practical steps are taken to secure the above and adopt the following:

- establish and maintain a safe and healthy environment;
- establish and maintain safe working procedures;
- ensure the provision of sufficient information, instruction, and supervision;
- maintain a safe and healthy place of work and safe access and exit from it;
- formulate effective procedures for us in case of fire, medical and other emergencies.

Roles and Responsibilities

Thoughtful Education has a duty to ensure that premises and people are healthy and safe.

The Health and Safety Officer has the day to day responsibility for all those involved in accessing and delivering our services.

The Health and Safety Officer is Sue Michaels, sue@redbirdtutoring.com

The Health and Safety Officer will ensure the overall implementation of this policy and will provide the information, instruction, training, and supervision at all levels necessary to ensure that staff and students are competent to undertake their work activities and that all staff, students, and others are made aware of any related hazards and the measures to be taken to protect against them and given adequate information on relevant hazards to any persons whose health and safety might be affected by them.

Health & Safety Officer Responsibilities

- To ensure this policy is reviewed annually, or before if there are any changes in circumstances
- To ensure that employee responsibilities regarding health and safety are understood.
- To include health and safety issues in the service improvement plan, if necessary.
- To carry out regular health and safety inspections at working locations before the commencement of activity and take remedial action as appropriate.
- To receive and deal promptly with raised issues or complaints about unsafe premises, equipment or work practices.
- To ensure that emergency evacuation procedures are in place and tested where needed.
- To ensure that adequate first aid provision is available and kept up to date.
- To monitor and review all health and safety policies and procedures.
- To be the focal point for day-to-day references on health and safety and will provide advice or indicate sources of advice to both staff and students.
- Co-ordinates the implementation of the approved safety procedures in service.
- Maintains contact with outside agencies able to offer expert advice.

- Will make or arrange inspection of premises (which take place at least 3 times per year), places of work and working practices on a regular basis.
- To review weekly and termly the provision of first aid in the service.
- Will recommend necessary changes and improvements in the service through day to day overview and management of all Health and Safety procedures.
- Identifying hazards and conducting formal risk assessments when appropriate in order to minimise the risk for all activities undertaken by us.
- Know the special safety measures and arrangements to be adopted in their own working areas and to ensure they are applied.

Staff Responsibilities

- All staff, tutors, volunteers, and contractors will be informed of their responsibilities regarding Health and Safety through their induction.
- Know and apply the emergency procedures in respect of fire and first aid where required and in line with the premises they are working in.
- To always supervise students.

Tutors Responsibilities

- In addition to the above, tutors are also expected to:
- Exercise effective supervision of the students and to know the emergency procedures and to carry them out.
- Know the special safety measures to be adopted in their own teaching areas and to ensure they are applied.
- Give clear instructions and warnings as often as necessary.
- Follow safe working procedures personally. This includes but is not limited to protocols for fire and first aid.

Student Responsibilities

- Observe all safety rules of the service and the instructions of all staff given in an emergency.
- Use and not wilfully misuse, neglect or interfere with things provided for their safety.

Visitor Responsibilities

Any person visiting our activity, for whatever reason, is required to be accompanied at all times by a person knowledgeable adequately trained in the health and safety protocols in place at the location.

Activities

The Health and Safety Officer will ensure that risk assessments are undertaken and cover all aspects of internal and external activities that take place.

Significant findings of all risk assessments will be reported, and appropriate actions taken to all relevant staff, contractors and visitors who may be affected.

All risk assessments will be reviewed on an annual basis or at such time that this is deemed necessary.

Medication

The responsibility for students taking medicines and medication as part of a course of treatment remains with the parents.

At our tutoring centres, students are responsible for carrying and delivering their own emergency medication, e.g. asthma inhalers and auto-injectors.

Parents must inform Thoughtful Education of any medication students bring to the tutoring centre. Any requirements for medication and agreed protocols for administering any medication must be agreed prior to students starting tutoring.

Staff, tutors, contractors and volunteers are not permitted to administer medication to students.

Staff, tutors, contractors and volunteers must follow the agreed procedure on the student's risk assessment related to all aspects of medication and its administration.

Any and all queries related to medication should be referred to the Health and Safety Officer, Sue Michaels.

First Aid

When working in the home or online environment we request that a parent or guardian remains on site at all times our tutors are present and supporting the student.

In the event that a student becomes ill or suffers an accident within the home, the tutor should inform the parent or guardian in the first instance.

At our tutoring centres, at least one member of staff will hold an up-to-date paediatric first aid certification and the centre will have adequate first aid supplies.

First Aid should not be administered by the staff or tutor unless they have completed training and are certified to administer first aid.

All accidents or incidents must be reported to the Health and Safety Officer immediately.

The Health and Safety Officer will support the tutor and liaise with the parents/guardians and all relevant stakeholders as required.

All accidents, incidents and near misses, no matter how slight, must also be reported and recorded in the accident/incident log.

Fire and Emergency Procedures

It is essential that tutors familiarise themselves with the fire and emergency policies of the location in which they are working.

If a tutor is working within a home environment and perceives a potential risk in relation to fire and evacuation they should inform the Health and Safety Officer immediately.

The risk assessment will be reviewed and reassessed as necessary, with appropriate actions being taken.

Accident Reporting

Any and all accidents, incidents, or near misses, no matter how minor, involving staff, tutors, contractors, students, volunteers, visitors, or any other person involved in our activities must be reported and recorded.

Any such incidents must be reported in the first instance at the time of occurrence to the Health and Safety Officer by phone.

All such incidents or near misses must then be recorded on the accident/incident log.

Consultation with Employees

Thoughtful Education is committed to consult with staff members on all aspects of Health and Safety and will undertake the following:

- consulting with and involving our staff and students in matters relating to their own Health and Safety and ensuring reasonable adjustments are in place as necessary;
- ensuring that Health & Safety information is provided as part of the induction process;
- ensuring that staff are fully aware of control measures and emergency procedures that are in place; effective; properly used; monitored and maintained.

Induction training will cover matters of Health and Safety and training for individual staff members will be identified, arranged and monitored by the Health and Safety Officer.

All staff should however take responsibility for drawing to the attention of the management team any additional training needs they may have in relation to Health and Safety matters.

Complaints about this policy

If anyone involved in the delivery of our service is dissatisfied with any aspect of this Health and Safety policy, they are encouraged to communicate this to the Health & Safety Director in the first instance.