



Health and Safety Policy Statement Version 1 October 2009

Gymnastics England East is committed to providing a safe working, coaching, teaching and learning environment for all personnel, candidates and any related third parties. All candidates and personnel have a legal responsibility, as stated under Section 7 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, to do everything practicable to prevent an accident or injury to themselves and to fellow candidates and/or personnel. The quality coordinators (QCs) specific to each qualification are responsible for ensuring this information is fully understood by their qualification team and by the candidates who commence courses/programmes in their area.

Gymnastics England East aims to promote health and safety, so far as reasonably practicable, by ensuring:

- the provision and maintenance of safe equipment that poses no risk to health
- the provision of relevant information to candidates, personnel and any related third parties, including instruction, training and supervision, as is necessary to ensure health and safety
- maintenance of safe environments, including a means of access in a condition that is safe and without risk to health
- progressive identification and assessment of all risk, taking measures to eliminate or control it
- compliance with statutory regulation on health and safety and welfare of candidates, personnel and any related third parties
- the health and safety and welfare of vulnerable candidates is addressed through positive action
- all required and appropriately qualified members of personnel are given training to identify and control potentially hazardous situations/environments
- effective measures, such as fire alarms, are in place to deal with emergencies.

This list is not exhaustive and represents general principles followed by Gymnastics England East in respect of health and safety.

The above are to be achieved in line with the guidance and information given in the British Gymnastics Health & Safety policy, which gives comprehensive guidance and detailed information on all aspects of Health, Safety and Welfare.

This can be accessed via www.british-gymnastics.org