



1 Overview

The Catholic Association attaches great importance to Health and Safety matters and understands good Health and Safety practice makes good operational sense. Therefore The Catholic Association recognises and accepts the responsibility to carry out its operations to ensure that, as far as reasonably practicable, volunteers, assisted pilgrims and other pilgrims shall not be exposed to risks to their health and safety.

2 The Responsibilities of The Catholic Association

The Catholic Association will make every practical effort to comply with the obligations laid down under appropriate and relevant legislation; in particular by ensuring the following:

- The use of any equipment, that they are safe and without health risks
- Arrangements for ensuring safety and freedom from health risks in the use, handling, storage & transportation of articles and substances
- Provision of information, instruction, training and supervision necessary to ensure a healthy and safe environment
- Provision of adequate transport and welfare arrangements for volunteers and pilgrims
- Carrying out of risk assessments on all activities & processes taking place under the control of the Catholic Association.
- Consulting volunteers about arrangements for implementing, promoting and developing health and safety at work.

The Catholic Association will use its best endeavours to:

- Ensure that this policy is actively complied with and to create a climate in which there is an awareness of the importance of health and safety:
- Define areas of responsibility for safety where appropriate
- Provide the necessary resources with which to pursue this policy
- Ensure that any relevant person other than volunteers and pilgrims is protected by this policy
- Ensure that other persons affected by this policy are aware of it.



3 Duties of Volunteers

All volunteers have an important part to play in the operation of the Health and Safety Policy.

Duties of volunteers will include:

- Taking reasonable care for their personal Health & Safety and that of other persons who may be affected by their acts or omissions whilst at work
- Co-operating to enable any duty or requirement imposed by statutory provisions or other persons to ensure that those duties or provisions are complied with
- Not intentionally or recklessly interfering with or misusing any items provided for the purposes of, or compliance with, Health & Safety provision.
- Using protective clothing and equipment when and where necessary
- Reporting any incident to the Catholic Association which may have led to injury or damage

4 Review

Health and Safety will be reviewed at all Board Meetings and relevant sub-committee meetings.