



Health and Safety Policy

Health and safety representatives: Kevin Jennings and Ruth Lindsay

Medway Foodbank is committed to ensuring general health and safety in accordance with The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and applicable regulations made under it.

Our policy is to ensure the general health and safety of all workers, contractors, volunteers and visitors who attend our premises, or who participate in foodbank activities elsewhere, as far as is reasonable and practicable, as follows:

- To identify health and safety risks, and to control those risks wherever practicable.
- To maintain and replace equipment required for the performance of any task.
- To provide safe arrangements for the use, handling, storage or transport of articles and substances.
- To ensure safe use of hazardous substances held.
- To provide adequate information, instruction and training in relation to the performance of employees and volunteers, and to put in place procedures to ensure safe systems of working.
- To provide adequate support and supervision to all employees and volunteers employed on foodbank business.
- To prevent accidents and work-related ill health.
- To review this policy and associated procedures on a regular basis (at least annually) and revise policy and procedures as the need arises.
- To consult employees on health and safety matters.

Associated documents:

1. Health and Safety Procedures for Medway Foodbank should be read alongside this policy.
2. Health and Safety Checklists are kept and monitored for Unit 26.
3. A range of risk assessments are kept and reviewed annually.

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