



**British Kendo Association
HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT**



NB: Unless specifically stated, BKA and Bu references encompass Kendo, Iaido and Jodo collectively.

Chair:

As Chair of the British Kendo Association (BKA) I am conscious of and accept my duties to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our members. I will therefore ensure, through the support of BKA National Committee members, Bu officers and dojo leaders, safe facilities and equipment, necessary information, training and supervision to ensure the safety of all BKA personnel and those who might be affected by our activities, so far as is reasonably practicable.

National Committee and Bu officers are to ensure:

- a. That all incidents are reported appropriately.
- b. An appropriate level of first aid training is provided at appropriate levels.
- c. That where appropriate, suitable and sufficient risk assessments are created and maintained.

Dojo Leaders and Event Organisers are to:

- a. Make all necessary arrangements to comply with BKA Policy and local H&S requirements.
- b. Read, understand and comply with all appropriate BKA H&S instructions located on the BKA website and where necessary seek advice from the BKA Safety Officer.
- c. In preparation for an event or local training, be familiar with local emergency procedures, eg fire or other incident.

General:

- a. In the event of an accident or incident involving actual or possible harm to a BKA member, or other persons harmed by a BKA activity, the BKA Safety Officer is to be informed as soon as reasonably possible.
- b. Prior to a BKA activity, activity/event organisers must ensure that a suitable and sufficient risk assessment is carried out. This applies especially to BKA seminars.

In addition, I require each member of the BKA to:

- a. Take reasonable care of his/her own health and safety and that of other persons who may be affected by his/her acts or omissions.
- b. Follow instructions and co-operate positively in achieving safe activities at all times.

This policy document is to be reviewed by each BKA NC Chair on appointment and where necessary amended by the BKA Safety Officer.