

# Risk Assessment Policy

Beas Cheerleading uses its risk assessment systems to ensure that the Club is a safe and secure place for children/young people and staff. All staff are expected to undertake risk assessments as part of their routine tasks.

In line with current health and safety legislation and the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage*, the Club will carry out regular risk assessments and take appropriate action to deal with any hazards or risks identified. It is the responsibility of the club director to ensure that risk assessments are conducted, monitored and acted upon.

Risk assessments will be carried out:

- whenever there is any change to equipment or resources
- when there is any change to the Club's premises
- when the particular needs of an athlete necessitate this

Not all risk assessments need to be written down. Staff will decide, in consultation with the Director, which risk assessments need to be formally recorded. However risk assessments related to employment and the working environment will always be recorded in writing so that staff can refer to them.

If changes are required to the Club's policies or procedures as a result of the risk assessment, the Director will update the relevant documents and inform all staff.

## Daily checks

Before the athletes arrive at the club each day, we will complete a daily environment check form/carry out a visual inspection of the equipment and the whole premises (indoors and out). Environment check forms will be reviewed regularly, to ensure that hazards are removed, and repairs are implemented in a timely manner. During the course of the session, staff will remain alert to any potential risks to health and safety.

If a member of staff discovers a hazard during the course of a session, they will make the area safe (e.g. by cordoning it off) and then notify the Director and or the Church Warden. The Director will ensure that any actions needed to mitigate the immediate hazard have been taken and will implement measures to prevent the incident from recurring.

## Recording dangerous events

The Director will record all accidents and dangerous events on the **Incident** or **Accident Record** sheets as soon as possible after the incident. If the incident affected an athlete the record will be kept on the athletes file. The Club will monitor **Incident** and **Accident Records** to see whether any pattern to the occurrences can be identified.

## Related policies

See our related policies: **Fire Safety and Risk Assessment, Health and Safety**

This policy was adopted by: Beas Cheerleading Date: 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020

To be reviewed: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 Signed: B.D'SOUZA

Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2017): Safeguarding and Welfare requirements: Introduction [3.2] and Child protection [3.7]*.