



SWATK Health and Safety Policy

SWATK undertakes to operate a Health and Safety Policy. Traction kiting is a relatively safe sport but any activity carries a number of inherent risks and it is the responsibility of every member to ensure that those risks are minimised.

All members of the club are responsible for taking reasonable precautions to ensure their own safety, that of other members and other site users when engaging in club activities. In addition all adult members have an enhanced responsibility for the safety of junior members.

The Club or its representatives will:

- Carry out an on-site risk assessment at all away trips before members are permitted to fly. Members will only be permitted to embark at the discretion of the trip leader whose decision will be final.
- Carry out an on-site risk assessment at Ashton Court when abnormal wind/ground conditions are in force. The decision on whether to allow members to fly will rest with any committee members present or with the most experienced flyer present whose decision will be final.
- Ensure that parental control is in place before any junior member is allowed to take part in any away trip or event.
- Ensure that, in the event of an accident or incident e.g. a fall, the safety of members is the first priority. Equipment should only be recovered if there is no appreciable risk to individuals.
- Ensure that all members wear a suitable safety gear when flying.
- Maintain records for all club coaches to ensure their continued capability to lead beginners training sessions. The Club expects all members to:
 - Accept the decision of committee members or other suitably experienced members on all safety related issues.
 - Wear safety gear when conditions or inexperience make it desirable to do so or, if a junior member, at all times.
 - Consider the safety of themselves and others at all times.
 - If an adult member carries out basic checks of the equipment that you propose to use before flying e.g. suitability of kite for wind condition, checking for damage to bridles, lines or kite. Ensure that equivalent checks are carried out on the equipment to be used by any junior members.
 - Keep flying area clean, tidy and clear of obvious hazards at all times. Keep all access ways clear at all times.

- Familiarise themselves with the location of all safety equipment, information and emergency procedures. - Take responsibility for any accompanying children.
- Seek assistance if experiencing difficulty and take advice from more experienced members
- In the event of an accident report the matter immediately to the Safety Officer. Follow all instructions given by the Safety Officer. Tackle the problem only if there is no risk to themselves or any other individual and they feel competent to do so. When safe to do so advise the Emergency Services of the incident.
- All accidents are to be reported and recorded in the Safety Incident book