

LOWICK & SLIPTON PARISH COUNCIL ACCIDENT REPORTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Lowick & Slipton Parish Council recognises its responsibility to ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken to provide both adults and children with play and leisure conditions that are as safe, healthy and compliant with all statutory requirements and codes of practice.

1. AIM OF THE POLICY:

This policy is intended to set out the values, principles and policies underpinning the Parish Councils' approach to accident reporting, to enable the organisation to meet the requirements of the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR) and to take action to prevent the recurrence of incidents in the future as far as it is possible

2. ACCIDENT REPORTING POLICY:

Lowick & Slipton Parish Council will comply fully with the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR). The Policy will be periodically reviewed for relevance and completeness.

Parish Council Members and the Clerk are to ensure that individually and collectively responsible for ensuring that:

- a) all accidents and incidents involving injury to staff, volunteers, Councillors or service users are reported and recorded, no matter how minor;
- b) all reported accidents or incidents are fully investigated;
- c) the results and recommendations from investigations are fully implemented to prevent or minimise any recurrence of such incidents;
- d) if the incident involves equipment, fixtures or property owned by the Parish Council, the equipment, fitting or property is to be taken out of use until inspected and found fit for use by two or more councillors, or a councillor and the Clerk, or a competent technical expert.

A record is to be compiled and retained of:

- a) the date, time and place of any incident reported;
- b) the name, address and occupation of injured or ill person;
- c) the details of any injury/illness and what first aid was given;
- d) whether an ambulance, paramedic or first responder attended;
- e) the name and signature of the first aider or person dealing with or witnessing the incident;
- f) the subsequent location of the person immediately following the incident (for example went to friends, home or hospital).

3. REPORTING PROCESS:

As soon as an incident is reported to a Parish Councillor or the Clerk, the Clerk must initiate the accident reporting and investigation process shall be initiated. All officers should be prepared to carry out this duty should the need arise. The Clerk is to be informed as soon as practicable and shall inform all other members of the council no later than the council meeting following the incident.

4. ACCIDENT REPORTING AND RECORDING:

An Incident/Accident report is required in the following circumstances:

- a) when an employee, volunteer or Councillor, experiences any injury, however slight, whilst inspecting or maintaining the play equipment and surrounds.
- b) when a user of the play equipment or their accompanying 'responsible adult' experiences any injury, however slight, whilst using the facilities. When informed of an incident any Lowick & Slipton Parish Council Member or the Clerk are to:
 - a) report fatal accidents immediately to the Chair and Clerk
 - b) report major injuries immediately to the Chair and Clerk
 - c) report dangerous occurrences immediately to the Chair and Clerk

Three types of records are to be made.

- a) A completed Accident/Incident report form: Forms are available from the Clerk. These should in the first place be filled in by the person suffering from the accident or by a Parish Council member or the Clerk. The form is to be counter-signed by the witness/es and passed to the Clerk.
- b) An entry in the Parish Council Accident Book: Held by the Clerk, for all incidents/accidents on any Parish Council facilities whether they are notifiable or not.
- c) For Notifiable Note 2 incidents/accidents: HSE report forms F2508 are also to be completed. These forms are required to be completed and sent to the relevant enforcing authority within 15 days of the incident or accident.

5. RECORD KEEPING:

Written records of reportable accidents and dangerous occurrences (i.e. those which must be reported to the appropriate enforcing authority) are to be kept by the Clerk for a minimum of three years or 21 years in the case of Playground Accidents involving children.

Fatal accidents, major injury accidents/conditions and dangerous occurrences must be reported immediately by telephone to the enforcing authority by the Chair or Clerk and followed up by the appropriate form. Telephone notification should always be followed up with submission of form F2508. Notification forms should be completed by the Chair or Clerk as soon as possible after the accident. Copies of the completed form should be kept. On-line reporting and relevant reporting forms can be located and completed at www.hse.gov.uk/forms/incident/index.htm