

Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers
Recommendations for a Health and Safety Policy

All Members of the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers are encouraged, to consider the Health and Safety of the Belfry they are in, the activity in which they are engaged and the risk of injury to themselves and others whenever engaged in an activity related to ringing. Reasonable steps must be taken to reduce such risks by behaving responsibly and taking sensible precautions. Insurance cover for activities organised by local towers and bands, should be provided by the Church in which the activity is taking place, and any risk assessments should be negotiated with the Church's Insurance Provider. Ringing Visitors should be covered by the Church's Insurance, like any other visitor to the Church.

The Maintenance Insurance paid by the Guild provides cover only for members of the Towers and Belfries Committee when carrying out Inspections and maintenance on behalf of the Guild, provided the Members have been approved by the General Committee, and Chairman of the Tower and Belfries Committee..

A General Health & Safety Policy

'The Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers' encourages all affiliated towers and bands to draw up their own policies for Health and Safety.

The policy should be, so far as is reasonably practicable, to provide safe and healthy conditions for its members who participate in activities managed or organised by local bands, and to provide such information, training and supervision as they need for the purpose.

Activities must be organised and conducted by persons who are competent for the roles they are to undertake.

Whenever a formal Risk assessment is carried out, The Health and safety Officer –if appointed - must be provided with a record of that assessment.

Whenever an incident occurs that could result in more than a minor injury, or have the potential to cause harm or injury to any persons (members or others), the Guild Health and Safety Officer should be provided with a report of that incident.

All Officers and Members of The Guild are required to take responsibility for health and safety when representing The Guild in any capacity and to take seriously the risks of damage and injury.

Members of The General Committee are only too willing to offer advice and guidance if required when drawing up a Health & Safety Policy for your Ringers.