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Visiting Groups Health and Safety Policy

The MST refers to the Monkey Sanctuary Trust. 'The Monkey Sanctuary' refers to the premises of The Monkey Sanctuary and all activities on site of the MST.

Statement of Intent

It is the policy of The Monkey Sanctuary Trust to ensure as far as possible the health, safety and welfare of its employees, visitors, volunteers, monkeys and others who may be affected by its operations. The MST believes that effective management of health and safety is an essential part of its business strategy and is fully committed to providing the highest standards of health and safety.

The Monkey Sanctuary will meet its legal obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and associated regulations by providing so far as are reasonably practicable:

1. Safe and healthy places of work with safe access and egress.
2. Safe equipment, routines and systems of work.
3. Safe handling, storage and transport of articles, substances and equipment.
4. Suitable information, instruction, training and supervision.
5. Adequate welfare facilities at work
6. Prevention of accidents and work-related illness
7. Adequate control of risk arising from work activities
8. Regular review of this policy.

It is the objective of The MST to promote a positive Health and Safety culture in all its activities.

Emergency Procedures – fire and evacuation:

Escape routes are checked weekly, fire extinguishers are maintained and checked by Firetech Ltd annually, fire alarms weekly and evacuation procedures, once a month.

Additional information:

- Day-to-day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice is delegated to the Health and Safety Officer and the management team on duty each day.
- The appointed Health and Safety Officer is responsible for ensuring that all Health and Safety requirements are dealt with, recorded, displayed and undertaken so far as is reasonably practicable and relying on the co-operation of all other staff, volunteers, visitors etc.
- There will be a trained First-Aider or Emergency First-Aider present on the premises at all times.
- On occasions when the Teas Kitchen (Shop) or Treetop Cafe are open for business there will be a staff member on duty who has a Food Safety certificate.
- Appropriate safety information and warning signs will be displayed for the benefit of all visitors. Safety barriers, fencing and locked gates will clearly define all areas of safe access for visitors.