



What Members of National Park Authorities need to know about health and safety management

While Members may not be responsible for managing health and safety on a day-to-day basis (this is delegated to the officers in charge of service provision) it is vital for you to understand the strategic way in which you can and do affect health and safety management in your authority. It is also important that you are aware of your potential liabilities both as a body and as an individual in terms of both criminal and civil law.

By completing this course, you will explore

- the value of developing an agreed health and safety vision for the organisation and aiming for excellence
- the moral, legal and financial reasons for investing in good health and safety management, including personal liabilities
- how Members can seek and gain assurance that health and safety is being managed effectively and thus discharge their responsibility
- how essential good health and safety leadership is in positively influencing safety culture and for moving towards and maintaining excellence

This short course will help you to learn more about responsibility and accountability for health and safety including

- Section 37 of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 – individual liability for breaches of health and safety law
- The Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007
- The Health and Safety Offences and Corporate Manslaughter sentencing guidelines
- The use of Health and Safety Management Systems

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