

ASSURANCE OF INSTRUCTIONAL QUALITY AND SAFETY

Leaders and parents can be confident of our commitment to ensuring high standards in terms of quality control for all matters pertaining to activity content, professional staffing and matters of safety.

As part of your duty of care you are required to confirm that the activities that your group members will be undertaking have undergone an appropriate risk assessment process – there is no expectation for you to undertake or obtain copies of risk assessments, indeed to do so adds an additional responsibility on you to check the detail and accuracy of such information.

The centre is rigorously monitored and is regularly inspected by National Governing bodies for appropriate activities.

The Adventure Activities Licensing Service, who have staff with the appropriate level of competence to undertake formal checks on systems and procedures, check the operating guidelines, including the level of qualifications of staff leading activities, risk assessments, health and safety monitoring and standards of equipment.

- Aztec Adventure Ltd holds an AALS Licence (Licence No.L.2050/R0048)
- All paid staff, who instruct, have been DBS checked.
- The centre is a R.Y.A. recognised teaching establishment and a B.C. approved centre.
- Activity leaders will either hold nationally recognised instructional certificates or, will have undertaken in-house training to run activities with formal competency assessments.

Leaders and parents should understand that safety is not just about staff qualifications or paperwork; experience, careful selection of teaching venues and equipment appropriate to the group's needs are an essential component together with dynamic risk assessing.

Centre staff pride themselves in meeting the needs of their clients. Activity programmes are carefully designed, taking into consideration the initial booking requests and the nature of the group. Programmes may be adapted where necessary following a daily staff meeting, during which a variety of factors are considered, including weather forecasts.

Centre activity leaders are responsible for ensuring the safe delivery of the activity session; we look to visiting leaders to ensure that the group members are adequately furnished with pre-course information, suitable clothing (a recommended kit list is available) and informed of expected standards of behaviour. Visiting leaders are invited to take part in all activities, although there is no requirement for them to do so.

The centre does insist that a member of the visiting staff remains on site for the duration of the group's stay and they will be required to take full responsibility for the group outside the activity sessions. To ensure the safety of all group members it should be made clear to all participants that activity equipment may not be used unless under the supervision of a leader, who has been trained in its use and authorised to lead that activity.

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Visiting leaders of groups who are under eighteen are reminded of their responsibility to obtain parental permission and details of any medical conditions which may be of relevance; emergency contact numbers and group details should be brought to the centre and it is recommended a second copy be kept at the group's nominated base.

For more information, please telephone the centre.

If you or your organisation requires further information on safety procedures, risk assessments, or any other aspect of the centre operating procedures, this should be discussed prior to your arrival. It may be necessary to make an administrative charge if copies of documents or lengthy discussions are required.

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