

Health & Safety



We have been inspected by the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority, School Inspectors and Advisors, National Governing Bodies, Fire Inspectors, Health & Safety and Environmental Health Inspectors.

Adventure International conforms to all Health & Safety regulations including staff/pupil ratios required by all Governing Bodies. The Centre is licensed for the required activities by the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority and is recognised by the British Activity Providers Association and the Governing Bodies of the British Canoe Union, Royal Life Saving Society, Learning Outside the Classroom & Adventure Mark.

Every member of our instructional staff is 18 or over and this policy will remain, in spite of many other centres employing 16 – 18 year old staff as Assistant Instructors under the new 'apprenticeship scheme'.

A Quality Assurance folder is available for inspection and contains all relevant details concerning Health & Safety, including Risk Assessments for all areas of our operation.

Adventure International has been in operation for over 30 years under the same management and has developed a Health & Safety regime second to none. The Management have been at the forefront of the initiatives regarding the development of safety regulations and it is our firm commitment to provide a safe and healthy environment for all participants.

Instructor Training

For those of you who don't know, all instructional staff employed at Adventure International go through a very vigorous selection and training programme. This starts with a 2-day selection course when they are required to do a number of theoretical tests, practical exercises and ends with a formal interview. Successful applicants then must attend 6 weeks of staff training before the season starts. This will include gaining National Governing Body Awards in the various activities as well as intensive in-house training covering all aspects of the residential instructor's role i.e. First Aid, Life Saving, Fire Evacuation, teaching & tutoring skills, etc. The Management Team and highly qualified senior staff run the training in addition to independent outside assessors & examiners.

After training, staff are then required to complete a 6-week probationary period and are profiled on a regular basis. Prior to working with a group, each instructor is assessed for competence by a member of the centre's senior staff on each activity that they're qualified and trained to work on. This assessment is in addition to them holding the required level of National Governing Body qualification. Also after rigorous checks and references all staff are only employed after obtaining an enhanced disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau.

As usual, many of our staff will be returning for another season with us, so there will be lots of familiar faces and naturally these staff will all be highly qualified with great personalities.