

Health & Safety Policy *(H&S at Work Act 2015)*

Buckland Community Hall Committee

Policy Statement



The Buckland Community Centre Incorporated Committee (the Committee) has, under the Health & Safety at Work Act 2015, to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the health and safety of its committee members, visitors and hirers of the Hall.

This policy sets out procedures and areas of responsibility:

- To provide a healthy and safe environment for hall users.
- To implement all statutory requirements.
- To ensure that risk assessments are carried out regularly.
- To seek guidance from qualified professionals where necessary.

The Committee is responsible for running the Buckland Community Hall and recognises its duty to ensure the safety of people using it. It is the intention of the Committee to comply with all Health and Safety legislation and to act positively where it can reasonably do so to prevent injury, ill health or any danger arising from its activities and operations.

The Committee recognises that the effective prevention of accidents depends as much on a committed attitude of mind to safety, as on the operation and maintenance of equipment and safe systems of work. To this end, it will seek to encourage committee members and users to engage in the establishment and observance of safe working practices.

Committee members, hirers and visitors will be expected to recognise that there is a duty on them to comply with the practices set out by the committee, with all safety requirements set out in the hiring agreement and with safety notices on the premises and to accept responsibility to do everything they can to prevent injury or ill health to themselves or others.

Much of the repair and maintenance work at the Centre will be done by contractors and self-employed workers, who have responsibility for their own health and safety.

The Health and Safety Policy will be available on the Buckland Hall website (www.bucklandhall.nz) and operations manual.

It was resolved that:

The Policy Statement, as above, be confirmed.

Dated this 17th March 2025