

## **INSURANCE**

BEHG has Public Liability Insurance which covers claims by:

- Members and Third Parties against Leaders and the Group
- Members against other Members

The Insurance also covers claims for Property Damage caused by Leaders and Members.

Non-members who have signed the Registration Form are treated as members for the duration of the trip.

The cover available for personal injury is relatively limited (details available on request) and therefore you may wish to take out your own insurance to cover yourself in case of accident.

The Buckinghamshire Earth Heritage Group (BEHG) aims to record, conserve and promote the geology of Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes.

Membership is open to beginners and experts alike. New members are always welcome.

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# **Safety Guide for Site Visits**

## **Buckinghamshire Earth Heritage Group (BEHG)**



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Geology*

The responsibility for the safety and conduct of participants of any activity organised by, or for, the Bucks Earth Heritage Group (BEHG) is shared between the Group's appointed officers, its Leaders and participants

### **On arrival the Leader will:**

- Brief all participants on any hazards and risks associated with the visit
- Distribute copies of the Site Owner's H&S requirements if applicable
- Advise if BEHG has signed an indemnity form and, if so, explain its content
- Advise on the safety equipment and clothing requirements
- Ensure that all participants have the correct safety equipment
- Distribute copies of this leaflet if required
  
- **All participants will then be required to sign the Site Registration Form to:**
- Acknowledge receipt of this leaflet
- Confirm that they have been briefed by the Leader
- Confirm acceptance of the

conditions of the indemnity

### **During the Trip**

- Stay in the group at all times
- Never leave the Group without telling the Group Leader
- Wear the required safety equipment at all times
- Don't climb on rock faces
- Don't stray close to the top of rock faces or cliffs
- Wear safety goggles when hammering rocks – it is your responsibility to ensure that nobody is close by
- Keep out of water or mud if you are unsure of the depth
- Keep off loose rocks and scree slopes which may be unstable
- Watch out for moving vehicles and equipment
- Do not enter old industrial buildings
- Keep off old equipment
- Do not enter old mines
- Avoid animal excreta - wash or sterilise hands before eating, and on leaving site

### **Safety Equipment**

The following safety equipment may be required for some venues:

- Safety Helmets which must comply with BS EN 397:1995

and EN 812, be undamaged and be less than 5 years old

- High Visibility Jackets - usually day-glo yellow or orange reflective jackets or waistcoats
- Goggles with side protection

### **Indemnity**

The owners of active quarries require the party leader to sign a form indemnifying the owners from responsibility for most accidents that may befall a member of the party. This form is signed on behalf of the Group and all participants and will normally state:-

- That you accept full responsibility for any damage done by yourself to the property of the quarry
- That the quarry owners will not be liable for any injury, loss, or damage sustained by you during the visit howsoever caused
- That you shall indemnify the quarry owners against any claim by other persons in respect of injury, loss or damage caused during the visit due to your negligence

The exception being that if any of the above occurrences is due to the negligence of the quarry owners or their employees.