

Volunteers Running Clubs

Health and Safety law does not generally apply to volunteers running a Club with no employees, unless the Club has responsibility for premises like a clubhouse or playing fields.

Anyone (including volunteers) with control of premises like a clubhouse or playing fields has a duty to see that the premises, access to them and plant (e.g. equipment) and substances provided are safe for the persons using them, so far as is reasonably practicable. Often this is a shared duty between the premises owner, a management committee and users/ members.

The extent of a Club's legal duty will depend on the level of control it has over the premises and the type of plant or substances provided. For example, if your Club owns or manages the premises, then you would be expected to keep the premises and any equipment provided in good repair.