



DYNEVER GARDENING ASSOCIATION HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES

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Introduction

Dynever Gardening Association is committed to ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for all plot holders and visitors to the site.

Responsibilities

Association Responsibilities:

- To maintain communal areas and ensure general site safety.
- To provide rules and guidelines for plot-holders
- To carry out plot inspections to ensure members are helping to maintain a well-kept site.

Plot Holder Responsibilities:

- To take reasonable care for their own safety.
- To maintain their plots and tools safely.
- To report hazards or damage in a timely manner.
- To supervise children and visitors to the site.
- To ensure dogs brought onto site are controlled and well behaved

Site Access and Security

- Plot holders should close the gates behind them while on site
- Plot holders should report any vandalism or break-ins straight away
- Plot holders should keep vehicle routes clear.

Safe Working Practices

Tools and Equipment:

- Use tools safely – if you're not already a confident user, ensure you get training on the use of tools in the container like rotavators
- Keep tools maintained and clean equipment before replacing it back into the container.
- Store tools safely, ideally in a closed container like a shed or storage unit

Manual Handling:

- Lift heavy loads safely.
- Ask for help with heavy loads.

Working Alone:

- Let someone know that you're on the plot.
- Carry a phone.
- Avoid risky tasks if you're working alone

Chemicals and Hazardous Substances

- Use chemicals responsibly.
- Store chemicals securely.
- Dispose of chemicals and their containers safely.

Structures and Construction

- Ensure sheds, greenhouses, and fences are well maintained (safe!)
- Use safety glazing where possible.

Fire Safety

- Supervise fires at all times, do not leave them unattended
- Ensure any fires are kept to a sensible & responsible size
- Store fuels safely.

Wildlife and Environmental Care

- Be cautious around wildlife.
- Dispose of waste responsibly.

Slips, Trips, and Falls

- Keep paths clear.
- Wear suitable footwear.

Weather Hazards

- Hot Weather - Use sunscreen and stay hydrated.
- Cold/Wet Weather - Be cautious of ice and mud.

First Aid and Emergencies

- Keep a first aid kit on your plot if possible to do so.
- Please report incidents or significant "near misses" to the allotment committee.

Children and Vulnerable Adults

- Supervise at all times please
- Please restrict tool use to hand tools only