



## 7.0 SUPERVISION & CONTROL OF VISITORS

Under the Occupier's Liability Acts of 1957 & 1984, gliding clubs have a duty of care to members of the public on their premises, whether they visit the site for gliding lessons or not.

Visitors to gliding sites may be considered in two broad categories:-

- Guests and invitees.
- Members of the public having right of way.

### 7.1 Guests and Invitees

Whenever the airfield is in use, guests and invitees should be kept away from active areas of the field and from aircraft, moving equipment and machinery, unless personally escorted by a responsible club member.

Suitable signs are required at the site entrance(s), directing visitors to the clubhouse, office or a suitable reporting place from which escorts (and suitable car parking, if required) can be provided.

If the visitor wishes to take a gliding lesson, then a suitable briefing must be provided, in accordance with the BGA Code of Practice for Gliding Lessons (Appendix 4). Whenever possible, guests and invitees should be invited to attend the morning briefing, when a club member will be delegated to act as "Club Host" or "Guest Marshall" to accompany and escort the visitors when on the airfield.

Visitors should be allowed to watch the launching of gliders from a safe position, well back from the launch point itself. Some clubs have a visitors' enclosure for the safe containment and supervision of visitors, from which those taking lessons are escorted to the launch point and to which they are returned, after completing their flights.

### 7.2 Members of the Public Having Right of Way

Where footpaths or public rights of way cross or follow the boundary of an airfield, persons using the designated routes have right of way. Club operating rules or flying orders must require launching to be stopped when there are people using the right of way who might be endangered, either by a normal launch or by a failed launch or by falling cables.

Danger warnings should be placed at either end of the right of way and users should be advised to keep moving, whilst exercising their right of way.

There are numerous examples of BGA member clubs who have safely co-existed for many years with the public, exercising their rights of way over gliding sites.

### 7.3 H.S.E. Approved Signs for Directing Visitors and the Public.






The Health & Safety Executive's booklet No. L64 "Safety Signs and Signals" sets out guidelines as to the legal requirements for signs and notices for the direction of the public and to warn them about hazards and danger.

The Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations 1996 implement European Council Directive 92 / 58 / EEC on minimum requirements for the provision of safety signs at work and where members of the public have access to premises. Although a period of grace was allowed to enable existing signs to be brought into line with the requirements of the Regulations, from Christmas 1998, all signs have to comply with the Safety Signs Regulations.

The table on the next page summarises the intrinsic features of signboards, as required by the Safety Signs Regulations.



## HSE Safety Signs and Signals Regulations, 1996

Purpose	Colour	Shape	Example	Instruction and Information
Prohibitory or Danger alarm.	Black pictogram on white background Red edging and diagonal line.	Round.		A sign prohibiting behaviour likely to increase or cause danger (eg. No smoking).
Warning.	Black pictogram on yellow background with black edging.	Triangular.		A sign giving warning of a hazard or danger (eg. Gliders landing).
Mandatory.	White pictogram on blue background.	Round.		A sign prescribing specific behaviours or action (e.g. Wear protective equipment).
Emergency Escape First Aid.	Green.	Rectangular or square.		A sign giving information on emergency exits, escape routes, equipment and facilities.
Fire Fighting.	White pictogram on a red background.	Rectangular or square.		A sign giving information as to the direction and location of fire-fighting equipment.