

British Power Kitesports Association Safety Guidelines

These guidelines cover Kite Buggy, Kite Landboarding, Power Kiting and Kite Surfing.

Site Assessment

All members must make reasonable endeavours to establish that the site with which they wish to use conforms to the following: -

- That use of the site does not constitute an illegal act.
- That the site is suitable for the activity with which they plan to participate.
- That in participating in the activity they are not causing distress to either livestock (farmed animals) or specifically horses whether ridden or not or people enjoying the use of the site.
- That they will not cause any damage to the site or properties around the site.
- That they will not endanger any adjacent roads or vehicle access points such that drivers, cyclists and horses/horse riders will be given cause for alarm which may lead to a possible accident.
- Please be aware that whilst you may feel that you are far enough away from a bridleway, path or right of way a horse may still panic if a kite looms into view. Please be vigilant

Safe Participation

- Reasonable efforts have been made to ensure that the participant in the activity has an acceptable level of control over the equipment in use.
- Should any difficulties arise a suitable area must be available at all times to allow recovery of any difficulties that may be incurred.
- It is advisable to wear appropriate safety equipment such that any minor incidents do not cause any personal injuries.
- Where possible do not participate alone in any activities.

External Influences

- Should the weather change in such a manner that may result in injury (thunderstorm, high wind) it is advisable to desist in the activities until the condition has passed.
- If requested by an official representing the owners or authorities of the site in use to leave the site please comply. If possible request their name, who they represent and who the main contact would be so that the club can lease with the owners/authorities to secure a mutually acceptable strategy to gain future access to the site.
- Should you or your equipment be damaged due to undue care of any other member of the public please do not become confrontational. If possible note any car registration details and report the matter to the local police stating dates, times and incident. Also, if possible take a photograph of the perpetrator and report them to the local authority/landowner etc.

Newcomers

- If any newcomers are attempting to participate in the use of the site inform them of these guidelines.
- Ask any newcomers if they carry any insurance, this may be any affiliated PKSF club/association insurance. Also point out that this insurance may need to be proven and that appropriate paperwork may need to be presented.
- Encourage all newcomers to join the British Buggy Club.

General

- Always observe local rules and regulations before participating in your activity.
- If you are unsure of any aspect of your equipment ask others for advice.
- If you are new to the sport please ensure that you are not trying to participate in conditions that would outweigh your capability.
- Always find a safe place free of people or obstacles to launch your kite.
- Ensure that an appropriate adult supervises any children under 12 years old.
- When you are not flying your kite put it away so that the space may be used for others.
- Always check your equipment before each use, bridles, lines, wheels, nuts and bolts may be damaged or have become loose.