

Durham Scout County



First Aid Procedures

This document sets out procedures for First Aid requirements in Durham Scout County as revised February 2007

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Minimum Requirements for all activities (excluding Terrain 2)

1. All leaders must have some form of First Aid training. The minimum requirement for land (excluding Terrain 2) and water activity authorisation is:

- Attendance at a First Response Course or
- Equivalent course set by a reputable body (NYA, BCU, SJA, Red Cross etc.) or
- Full First Aid qualification from an approved awarding body

2. The courses should be a minimum of six hours duration and include the effects of heat and cold.

First Response Course (FR)

3. First Response is designed for delivery by any qualified trainer, teacher or leader holding the Presentation module and holding a full First Aid qualification (e.g. First Aid at Work, St. John Activities First Aid).

4. Any suitably qualified person wanting to present First Response, **must seek prior approval from the CFAA**. This can be done by E-mail at least four weeks before a course is due to start. The CFAA will need to ensure that the arrangements for the course are suitable, that the presenter's training or teaching credentials are relevant, and that First Aid skills are competent and comply with current protocols. Final arrangements for the course **should not be made until CFAA approval has been obtained**. For a list of those currently authorised to present First Response contact the CFAA..

5. **The CFAA may attend any FR course in Durham Scout County to assess trainer competence and subject standards.**

6. Trainer and student course materials for the First Response course can be obtained from the Scout Association.

St John Ambulance Community First Aid, Basic and Emergency First Aid

7. This six to eight hour course includes all the elements required for basic activities authorisation as an alternative to First Response. It uses the new St. John Community First Aid Modular approach and the specific course will be tailored to suit Scouting and would be presented by qualified St John Ambulance trainers. Details of how to apply for SJ courses are set out in paragraphs 16-19.

Other Training Providers

8. Equivalent training may be available from other training providers. **Contact the CFAA with details of any such courses you intend to use**. Copies of the syllabus should be attached if possible. If the provider is an approved body then the CFAA will merely confirm the suitability of the course(s) to meet Scout requirements, but will not otherwise interfere.

9. Details of approved bodies can be found in Scout-Base or via the Scout Information Centre.

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Minimum Requirements for all Terrain 2 Activities authorisation

10. For **Terrain 2** adventurous activities authorisation the minimum requirement is **access to someone in the party with possession of a valid, full First Aid qualification**. This would be set by an approved awarding body, involve at least 16 hours training and be examined or assessed (rather than being based on attendance).

First Aid at Work

11. A full First Aid at Work certificate (not Appointed Persons) will be acceptable provided the candidate can satisfy his District Commissioner or County Activities adviser of his knowledge and understanding of the effects of heat and cold and in particular hypothermia

St John Ambulance Community First Aid – Activities First Aid Modules

12. The course involves 16 hours training. Assessment is continuous by the trainer/assessor. This is normally run over a concentrated weekend or weekends. It could also be run over several weekday evenings. Details of how to apply for all SJ courses are at paragraphs 16-19.

Other Awarding Bodies

13. See paragraphs 8-9

Cubs/Scouts/Explorer Scout First Aid Training

St. John Ambulance Young Lifesaver Award

14. St John Ambulance offer **Young Lifesaver**, awarded on continuous assessment by trainer, or **Young Lifesaver+**, awarded after competence assessment by external assessors. (For details of YLS+ contact CFAA). The young lifesaver course is better run on one day, typically 9am – 4pm (six hours training time). Costs are minimal. See paragraphs 16-19 for details of how to arrange for St John to run the course.

Other Awarding Bodies

15. Other organisations may offer similar courses suitable for young members. See paragraphs 8-9.

Application for St John Ambulance First Aid Courses

16. Identify sufficient leaders or members who need/want training. This may be better done on a District basis for leaders and at Group level for young members, and you can always check other Districts if you are likely to have spare capacity (under capacity may affect costs See Paragraph 19 below). Then contact the CFAA for further details on booking procedures and costs. At least five weeks notice should be given.

17. Identify date and venue suitable to all participants. If required SJA could host the course at its Langley Moor, Durham HQ (adult courses only).

18. On receipt of confirmation issue joining instructions, and firm up venue and any catering arrangements. Arrange for fees to be collected and for SJ Invoice to be paid on receipt.

19. Costs for St. John Ambulance courses are normally based on a price per course involving 12 students. So any course organised should ensure full attendance to keep down individual costs.

20. If you have any questions about these procedures contact the CFAA.

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