

1 Policy Statement

The Board of Trustees of the British Museum accept the prime responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of staff and visitors to the Museum.

The Trustees have a direct concern for the health, safety and welfare of their staff and accord health and safety matters equal priority to all other management and Museum functions.

It is a requirement of the Board of Trustees that the Director, Keepers, Heads of Department, Managers and Supervisors accord a similar priority to health and safety matters and that all British Museum staff and visitors ensure that the intent of this policy is observed.

The Museum undertakes to comply with the requirements of all relevant European and UK statutory provisions and guidance to meet these obligations.

The principles of this policy apply to all Museum activities, in the UK and abroad.

2 Purpose

This policy aims to ensure that staff, volunteers, visitors, contractors and any other stakeholders do not suffer accident or injury while on the British Museum site, and anywhere that British Museum staff are located for work purposes.

3 Practice

This means that:

- no activity is so important or urgent that it will be carried out other than with full regard to all issues of health and safety
- the Museum regards meeting European and UK health and safety legislation as a minimum standard and is committed to improving health and safety standards
- the necessary resources must be made available to meet the requirements of this policy
- all staff and volunteers employed by the Museum are required to pay maximum attention to the health and safety aspects of their work and exercise all care so as to eliminate or suitably control hazards to themselves and others
- the Museum will adopt a planned approach to managing health and safety

- Trustees delegate the duties for Health and Safety to the Director. Roles and responsibilities for health and safety within the Museum are set out in the Health & Safety Protocols and Procedures document

4 Review

This policy document will be reviewed when required as the result of a significant change or on a regular basis and in any case within five years.

Signed: [Niall FitzGerald]

Chair of the Board of Trustees

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