

# Health and Safety Bulletin

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## Safe Practice in PE, School Sport & Physical Activity (2016 edition)

A new edition of the above document has been published by the Association for Physical Education (AfPE). This has been updated to reflect recent developments in legal practice, national guidance, statute law and case law. It should be regarded as an essential policy document offering national best practice in this field.

It is deemed essential reading for all staff who teach or supervise PE. Furthermore, it should be used as a reference source in planning activities which are supervised by external coaches.

It is important to note that this document has the status of a Code of Practice and would always be cited in an accident investigation or civil claim involving physical education or sport.



### What action needs to be taken?

- Bring this bulletin to the attention of the Head of PE within your school.
- Arrange for a copy of the 2016 edition of the book to be purchased. This will supersede the previous edition published in 2012, which should now be disposed of.
- All staff who teach PE should familiarise themselves with the contents of the book.
- The Head of PE, in conjunction with other relevant staff, should review relevant documentation (e.g. risk assessments, PE safety policy) in line with the guidance contained within the book. A new corporate policy of PE is currently being devised and will be issued in due course.

### Where can I purchase a copy of this document?

Details on how to purchase this can be found via the [AfPE webpage](#). The document retails at £44.99 and is published approximately every five years.

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