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Members tethering kites must ensure their kites are attended at all times.

Members must ensure all equipment is in good condition and that it is fit for the purpose to which it is being put and fit for the conditions in which it is being used.

The flying site must be left clean, tidy and free of discarded line or equipment.

Children must be supervised at all times.

Take care of your own health and safety - gloves must be worn when appropriate and other protective equipment may need to be used.

Kite traction (buggying, kite jumping, kite towed water sports, kite boarding, rollerblading etc) carry particular risks. Suitable protective equipment must be worn. Kite traction should only be undertaken where it is safe and legal to do so and where there is no risk of injury or loss to third parties.

Ensure that your insurance is suitable for the activities you are undertaking: (the Club Insurance may not cover you for all kite flying activities).

Ensure that you have received appropriate training for any kite you are flying, particularly for kite traction.

Learn to fly on smaller and/or slower kites before progressing to larger/faster kites - always fly within your capabilities.

Make sure you fly with consideration for other fliers as well as spectators, pedestrians, children and animals.

Do not fly noisy kites when this might be an annoyance to others.

Never let inexperienced fliers use your equipment except under close supervision and provided that you are certain that they can handle the equipment without risk of injury to themselves or others.

If you are flying kite traction, and you are in a head on collision course, alter your course to the right. Watch for pilots coming from the right and change course to avoid them. Pilots coming towards you from your left should alter course to avoid you. Look before you gybe/tack and if necessary call a warning before making the manoeuvre. When passing another kite, the downwind flier must lower their kite and the upwind raise their kite to avoid a collision.

And finally - never attach yourself permanently to a kite!

That's a lot of rules - so perhaps a summary would be easier to remember:

Enjoy our hobby, but please:

*Act Sensibly
Be Aware Of Danger
Consider Others*

Would You Like To Join Us?

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The "Midlands Kite Fliers" was formed in 1979 by a group of dedicated enthusiasts and has steadily progressed to become one of the UK's premier kite groups.

We organise a number of events throughout the year; ranging from simple "fly-ins", through larger "kite days", to weekend "festivals" which usually offer onsite camping / caravanning (either free or for a small fee).

At our events we not only fly kites, but also get the opportunity to talk and exchange ideas on building and designing kites and discuss forthcoming events. We try to meet at least once a month, winter included, at one of our fly-in sites throughout the Midlands.

MKF Member or not, you're more than welcome to come along; giving you the opportunity to meet like minded people and find out what modern kite flying is about - Members are usually only too pleased to share their knowledge on all aspects of kite building and flying.

At major events, Members are more than welcome to take part in flying the club's large kites as part of our display for the general public.

Visit our website at www.mkf.org.uk or our forum at www.mkf.org.uk/forum for more information.

As a Member, you'll receive our quarterly magazine, the "MKF News" (containing the latest kite-related news, views and information), £5M Public Liability cover whenever and wherever you fly kites "for pleasure and in a safe manner" (this excludes buggying, boarding and other "kite traction" activities) and free admission to most events run by other kite groups.

Our Current Membership Fees are:

"Single" = £12 (an individual over the age of 18) or

"Family" = £13 (you and your immediate family, who normally reside with you)

Overseas Applicants - please add £4 to cover additional postage costs (*also applicable on renewal*).

Please make your Cheque / PO payable to "Midlands Kite Fliers"

Return your completed Application Form and Payment to:

MKF Membership Secretary,
72 Addison Road,
Radford, Coventry, CV6 2JN

(Home) 024 76335872

jim.cronin@mkf.org.uk

(Mob) 07831 396141

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions (email is preferred)

MKF Membership Application

(please print clearly in order to avoid possible errors on your Membership Record / Membership Cards)

Applicant's Details					
First Name Surname					
If applicable, please give the year when you were last a Member of the MKF					
Are you a member of any other kite club/group?					
Your Full Postal Address					
..... Postcode					
Home Phone					
Mobile Phone.....					
Email address.....					
If requesting a Family Membership, please enter details of the "Associate Member" (being your partner, spouse or other adult in your household) and children if applicable:					
"Associate's" First Name					
"Associate's" Surname (only if different to yours)					
Children's Names (with Surname/s if different to yours)					
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Total number of Membership Cards required					
"I have read, and agree to abide by, the Club's Rules / Code of Practice" (opposite).					
Applicant's Signature..... Date...../...../20.....					
A printed "Members' Directory" is issued to Current Members from time to time. Please indicate what information you <u>would</u> like included in your entry:					
Names	Town/City	Phone	Mobile	Email	NONE
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal information supplied will be held on computer. Such information shall never knowingly be divulged to any third party, nor used for any purpose other than the efficient running of the MKF without the explicit permission of the person to whom the information relates. (form last updated 02/01/10)					

As Members of the Midlands Kite Fliers, we are all committed to flying safely and to do everything we can to promote kite flying in general and our club in particular. We are all bound by our Constitution but that is mostly about how we run the Club. These rules are about how we conduct ourselves.

1. These rules apply to all Members of the Midlands Kite Fliers (the Club) irrespective of their type of membership, all of whom will be referred to as members in the Rules.
2. Each member of Midlands Kite Fliers agrees to fly according to the Club's Rules and Code of Practice for Safe Kite Flying which may be amended by the Club Committee from time to time. Any amendment will be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting.
3. Every person wishing to fly under the Club's insurance must be listed in the membership list. They will be listed by their type of membership and must follow these Rules.
4. Every member must accept full responsibility for their actions and must encourage and assist others to fly safely at all times. They must do all they can to ensure safety on the flying field or anywhere where they are, or could be, viewed as being members of the Club.
5. Members must act with courtesy and consideration to other kite fliers and members of the public at all times when they are flying with the club, flying as members of the Club or could reasonably be associated with the Club.
6. Members must assist anyone nominated by the Club's Committee to ensure that events run by, for or with the Club are as safe as possible. They must bring any hazards to the attention of the person nominated as soon as possible. If the hazard presents an immediate risk of injury they must do what they can to reduce the risk without putting themselves in danger. Members must assist those nominated with local knowledge where they have this.
7. Members will take all possible steps to comply with the current Air Navigation Order and any statute, order or byelaw.

Code of Practice

In accordance with the Air Navigation Order members must not:

- Fly a kite more than 30 metres above the ground within 5 kilometres of an airfield.
- Take-off and landing flight paths should be avoided
- Fly a kite more than 60 metres above the ground at any other time unless permission has been obtained from the Civil Aviation Authority and the certificate of such authority is available on site
- Drop items from kites unless proper authority has been given in accordance with the Order

For safe flying members should :

- Avoid flying near power lines,
- Avoid flying near and over roads, railways, footpaths, canals or rivers
- Avoid flying in low cloud, fog or whenever the kite cannot be seen clearly
- Avoid flying in severe weather including thunderstorms and heavy rain.
- Fly away from members of the public, animals, trees, buildings, masts or structures or in any other place where a fast descending kite could cause loss or damage, or where an entangled kite could be difficult to retrieve
- Fly within the capabilities of the equipment and the flyer, taking due consideration of anything that might effect the safe use of the equipment.

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