

## ► Corporate Social Responsibility Policy

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## Introduction

Simon Safety believe in conducting the affairs of our business in a manner which achieves sustainable growth at the same time demonstrating a high degree of social responsibility. We recognise that we must integrate our values and operations to meet the reasonable expectations of our stakeholders. They will include our customers, investors, suppliers, the community, and the environment. We recognise that our social, economic and environmental responsibilities to our stakeholders are integral to the running of our business, and we demonstrate these responsibilities through our actions and policies. We will be open and honest in sharing our strategies, targets, controls, and performance with our stakeholders in our continual commitment to sustainable development.

## 1. Environmental Responsibility

Simon Safety recognise that we have a responsibility to ensure that the operation and activities of our business do not cause a negative impact on the environment.

We are committed to implement and operate an environmental management system which minimises its negative impact on the environment and to work toward achievement of ISO 14001.

We set aims and objectives to ensure we meet our responsibility to the environment by practical means, meeting environmental legislation, regulations, and guidelines.

We will continually look for ways to reduce our waste output by recycling wherever possible and by reducing our negative impact on the environment by avoiding the creation of pollution.

To ensure we meet our aims and objectives we will create an awareness of our environmental policy through education and training and encourage contribution from our employees, suppliers, and customers.

The following policy guidelines show the principal commitments Simon Safety has set:

- Meet and where appropriate exceed the requirements of all relevant legislations
- Promote recycling and the use of recycled materials, while reducing consumption of material where possible
- Minimise waste in all operations and product enhancement
- Take account of environmental issues when placing contracts / orders with suppliers of goods and services
- Employee involvement in environmental matters is encouraged and will be promoted through training, communications and reappraisal of working methods and techniques
- Monitor progress and regularly review the company environmental policies to keep them up-to-date and relevant

## 2. Human Rights

Simon Safety operates in a way which maintains acceptable practices with regard to our staff and the environment and requires our suppliers to perform in the same way.

We accept that some of our suppliers source materials and finished goods from countries where there are cultural and legal differences however we do expect and require that they consider these differences when they carry out their own business and we purchase from only those who do.

Certain practices including the use of slave, bonded or child labour are unacceptable.

We expect our employees to be treated fairly, work reasonable weekly hours with proper regard for their human rights and social conditions, with freedom of association and without fear of exploitation, discrimination, or harassment.

All employees should earn at least the minimum legal wage or minimum established within the industry to provide for basic living requirements.

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### 3. Equal Opportunities

Simon Safety aim to be equal opportunity employers. We have an Equal Opportunity Policy for this purpose. This policy covers all aspects of employment, from vacancy advertising, selection recruitment and training to conditions of service and reasons for termination of employment.

To ensure that this policy is operating effectively (and for no other purpose) the company maintains records of employees 'and applicants' racial origins, gender and disability as completed on the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form upon application.

Ongoing monitoring and regular analysis of such records provide the basis for appropriate action to eliminate unlawful direct and indirect discrimination and promote equality of opportunity.

The company's long-term aim is that the composition of our workforce should reflect that of the community. Where necessary, special steps as permitted by the relevant Acts of Parliament, will be taken to help disadvantaged and/or underrepresented groups to compete for jobs on a genuine basis of equality.

The Managing Director is responsible for the effective operation of our company's Equal Opportunities Employment Policy. This policy can be provided on request however in brief our policy covers the following:

- We believe our company should include a range of people from different backgrounds and different points of view. So, when we hire someone, we choose the best candidate without regard for gender, age, race, national origin, religion, disability, or sexual orientation. We apply that same standard when choosing suppliers, partners, and anyone else we do business with
- People working with us can expect adequate pay for doing their job and special rewards for extraordinary work. They can also expect training; feedback; a safe, amenable place to work, freedom from bullying or favouritism and respect for their privacy, dignity, and life outside work
- We do our best to communicate honestly and openly with everyone who has an interest in our company, including colleagues, suppliers, customers, and shareholders

- We have a strict equal opportunities policy to ensure correct procedures are made aware to our staff and followed at all times.

### 4. Sustainability

In the operation of our business Simon Safety undertake to work in ways that meet and integrate with existing environmental, economic, and social needs without compromising the well-being of future generations. This is achieved through careful sourcing of the products, services, and utilities we use.

The involvement of all our stakeholders is essential in our contribution to sustainable development and through communication with our suppliers and training & development of our employees we will ensure that we meet our obligations for the future. We widely re-use and recycle packaging wherever possible; recycle paper, glass, plastic, ink cartridges, kitchen waste etc. as well as widely adopt energy efficient lighting, eco-friendly, mains-plumbed watercoolers and promote the receipt and despatch of bulk orders to reduce carbon emissions.

### 5. Ethical Trading and Impact on Society

Simon Safety is committed to working only with suppliers and manufacturers who do not compromise the basic human rights of their employees. We seek to develop business relationships with suppliers who have a respect for our ethical standards in the context of their own country's / region's culture. In order to achieve our objective, we set high standards of behaviour for ourselves and that of our suppliers and stakeholders. We feel it is important for us to have our own strict policy on Ethical Trading and to make our suppliers aware of this so they understand our business values. We require our suppliers to be able to trace the environmental and social impact they cause by their operations locally and further afield from the sourcing of raw materials and goods through to all levels of manufacturing, distribution, and sales. This is detailed in our Ethical Trading Policy.

If we find out that a supplier has breached our ethical trading policy, we work with them to try and resolve the issues. We believe it is more beneficial to over-come

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these issues rather than cease trade with them straight away. By working with suppliers to overcome their ethical issue we are securing the long-term security of their community.

Any suppliers not willing to work with us in this way will ultimately suffer the result of us ceasing trading with them.

In compliance with our ethical trading policy, contracts and agreements are made clear in writing for the avoidance of doubt or question.

All employees will be provided with ethics training as part of their induction programme, together with ongoing ethics training as required and stated in our ethics policy.

## 6. Business Ethics

Simon Safety believes that it is important for the organisation and its employees to maintain high ethical standards in order to preserve its reputation in the marketplace.

Good ethics are important to ensure that the organisation meets not only its objectives in a fair and equitable manner but its wider social responsibilities externally. In addition, the Company is committed to ensuring high ethical standards within the workplace. Environmental/Social audits will ensure that we are meeting our aims with regard to social impact and ethical behaviour and that our stakeholders perceive the company in a positive light.

Simon Safety has a Code of Conduct which employees are expected to abide by. A copy of the Code of Conduct and other policies relevant to this procedure are available in and documented in our company's Staff Handbook.

The Data Protection Act 2018 requires that data protection principles be followed. All our employees ensure that they understand how data protection impacts on their role, in particular with regard to external suppliers and customers.

During the course of employment, employees will have access to information of a confidential and sensitive nature. Simon Safety provide full transparency about how we use and hold our data and will only collect data if we have legitimate grounds to hold the data and it will

not have a negative effect on a person or organisation or be used in a way they wouldn't expect. The data we hold on our customers will be adequate for the purpose we are holding the information for and organisations have the right access and view their data and to withdraw consent at any time.

Simon Safety encourage a free and open culture in its dealings between its officers, employees, and all people with whom it engages in business and legal relations. We recognise that effective and honest communication is essential if malpractice is to be effectively dealt with and the organisation's success ensured.

All our employees are required to adhere to the organisation's policy and procedure on business ethics. Employees who breach the organisation's policy on business ethics will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

Our code sets out the principles of integrity, professionalism, high standards, optimal use of resources and compliance with legal and other obligations. It includes guidance on declarations of interest, confidentiality and accuracy of information, fair competition, business gifts and hospitality.

## 7. Health and Safety

Simon Safety have a positive and caring attitude regarding Health and Safety at Work, and this is in the foremost of our minds in everything we do. The prevention of accidents, injury and damage is top priority. Everyone who is employed by Simon Safety has a duty of care to other colleagues, the public and those employed by us to carry out our services. Under Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, Simon Safety has a duty to secure the well-being of its employees.

It has been, and always will be, our policy to give the greatest importance to the health, safety and welfare of all employees, others working on our premises and people visiting our premises. For this reason, we have a strict Health and Safety Policy.

In Brief our Policy has two basic objectives:

- To provide a safe working environment and to ensure that all operations are carried out safely

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- To secure the co-operation and involvement of all employees in achieving safe working environment. We cannot stop every accident from happening, however we are passionate about minimising the amount, risk and extent of accidents by making sure we record any incidents and take appropriate measures to make certain they don't happen again. We ensure that all staff incident or accident was to occur the safety and well-being of all parties would not be an issue.
- We have a Company Volunteering Group (CVG) where staff give their time to supporting various projects, such as beach cleaning, etc.
- We are ISO accredited and working towards the ISO 14001 environmental accreditation.

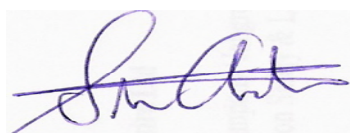
## 8. Community Investment Strategies

Simon Safety have a desire to give back to the community and are widely involved with a number of charities and community benefit investment programmes.

These include charitable donations and donating our time or resources to help local charities and organisations. We also respect and protect our local environment. Some examples of the projects that we are involved in are listed below:

- We are committed to providing jobs and training for local people together with apprenticeship opportunities for young people
- We work with local colleges and universities to help and support local young people gain the skills to seek employment at our company
- We have held the Investor in People Standard since 2001, and are committed to the development of our staff
- We are a sponsor of the Pembrokeshire Crucial Crew multi agency project, teaching children to become more aware of personal safety and to learn how to react to dangerous situations
- We support various community groups throughout South Wales, for example, Milford Haven Youth Matters, The Scarlets, Carmarthen Athletic, and Pembroke Dock Quins Rugby & Milford Haven Junior Golf.

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