



Health and Safety Policy Statement

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This practice recognises its duties under the *Health & Safety at Work Act 1974* and will its objectives of providing and maintaining healthy and safe working conditions compatible with the provision of proper services to patients and employees. In pursuing these aims, the employer will take all reasonably practicable steps.

- Absolute Dental regards communication between staff and the practice as an essential part of Health and Safety. We consult on Health and Safety matters regularly as part of team meetings and our ongoing training programme.
- We provide and maintain safe premises, equipment and methods of work.
- We prevent injuries by ensuring that all equipment is used in a safe manner and that all staff are trained in its use.
- We ensure that in planning, design and modification of the premises and equipment, that the safety aspects are fully considered.
- We provide adequate information, instructions and team training to develop safe methods of work.
- We follow the latest infection prevention guidelines from the Department of Health.
- We take all measures to prevent fires and explosions, and maintain adequate fire prevention equipment and safe means of escape from the practice premises.
- We provide first aid and full team training in medical emergency situations.
- All staff maintains a high standard of personal hygiene including clinical clothing and the restricted wearing of jewellery.
- We review policies in the light of any guidelines set out by responsible and recognised national bodies, and appoint safety officers and representatives in accordance with the law.
- We use single use dental instruments where possible or sterilise after use.
- Work areas, the dental chair and handles are decontaminated in between patients.
- Practice water is regularly monitored for quality and dental unit waterlines are well maintained.
- Waste is handled according to current regulations and disposed of with appropriate carriers.
- We provide appropriate personal protective clothing and equipment without cost to employees.
- All accidents and hazardous incidents are entered in the incident report book, which is kept in the pull-out filing system in the office. R John will then decide if the accident or incident should be reported to the Health and Safety Executive under the RIDDOR guidelines.
- We review and revise this Health and Safety Policy at regular intervals.

Appointed safety officer: Rhodri John