Ipswich Gilbert and Sullivan Society **Health and Safety Policy** **V2** - issued 15/05/2024



The safety of trustees, members, patrons, volunteers and contractors is paramount. We aim to prevent accidents and cases of ill health by managing health and safety risks in and around places where we operate.

We do this by providing clear instrucFons and informaFon. We aim to maintain safe and healthy condiFons, provide, and maintain plant, equipment, and machinery, and ensure safe use and storage of items. We ask that all safety problems are reported to the trustees.

As an amateur dramaFc group we perform in a variety of theatres and other venues which present different physical challenges and potenFal dangers. These can include stage faciliFes, scenery, props and electrical equipment. Cast members are given instrucFons on the care needed when faced with such situaFons, including the correct handling of any stage equipment, such as props. We have a dedicated Stage Manager who assesses each situaFon, including in respect of risk, and will issue any specific instrucFons that are applicable, parFcularly if any type of weapon is involved. Cast members are pre-warned of any specific difficulFes, such as narrow staircases etc.

Specific dangers are present at the ‘Get in’ and ‘Get out’ of any producFon where equipment, or scenery may require assembling, dismantling and loading on/off removal vehicles. As some of the scenery etc, can be heavy or awkward, only those persons deemed fit and able should undertake such acFviFes and with the appropriate protecFve clothing, eg, gloves etc. There is no compulsion for any member to parFcipate in such acFvity, it being on a purely voluntary basis. The Stage Manager is in charge of such operaFons and is responsible for ensuring that he is saFsfied with persons acFng responsibly and with the due amount of care required.

For more details, please address any quesFons, comments and requests about our equal opportuniFes pracFces to our Trustees at info@ipswichgands.co.uk

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