

**Investigating Paranormal Anomalies** 

## **First Aid Policy**

The I.P.A policy is to provide first aid support to someone if they are injured or become unwell whilst involved with our projects or sessions, and to ensure that IPA complies with the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981.

It is our policy to have one trained first aider our group or other people outside the IPA who will provide first aid support.

First Aiders are not legally permitted to give any medication to anyone, ask the patient if medical assistance is required.

First Aiders recognise and manage any immediately life-threatening conditions. If the First Aider feels that further medical assistance is required, they will arrange for an ambulance to be called. All first aiders have attended an approved course in first aid.

This policy will be reviewed at least every two years or as when necessary, (such as a change in legislation).

**Equipment** – The First Aider is equipped with a First Aid Kit, Accident form\book, Phone Charger and other pieces of equipment relevant to the safety of the investigations they are running.

**Giving First Aid** - If someone is injured, becomes unwell and needs help, the nearest first aider should be alerted, and asked to assist. The first aider will assess the situation, provide help, request assistance from other first aiders if necessary, and stay with the casualty until they are recovered or make arrangements for further medical assistance if they deem this necessary.

**Medical Support** - When a first aider thinks that a casualty needs urgent medical treatment, the first aider will arrange for the casualty to be taken to the nearest hospital accident & emergency department – if the first aider thinks it necessary, an ambulance will be called. If the situation is not an emergency but the casualty does need to go to the hospital, we will facilitate this process and stay with the casualty. Next of Kin will be contact asap and either of the Directors or The Company Secretary must be informed

**Medical Form\Book** – remember to have this information to hand for the people you are working with to consult, also remember the confidential nature of this information.

**Records**- An 'Accident, Incident Report or Near Miss form should be completed every time a first aider provides assistance to a casualty, including when the problem was illness rather than accident.

When necessary, the accident will be reported to RIDDOR.

Accident, Incident Report or Near Miss Forms – Should be carried with you, please see Appendix A for a copy of the form.

Mr D.Dyson Currently is the first Aider and holds Outdoor First Aid level 3 and Paediatric First Aid Level 3