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SAFETY SUPPORT & CERTIFICATION SCHEME FOR SCHOOLS



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WHAT IS SafetyMARK?

SafetyMARK is a safety support and certification scheme created specifically for the education sector.

It aims to help schools to manage and improve their safety standards and to recognise and reward those that have gone the extra mile. This is achieved by a combination of a detailed and yet pragmatic audit, expert support from school safety specialists and a powerful online members' area.

No matter what level of maturity your safety management systems are currently at, SafetyMARK is designed to ensure you can achieve high standards whilst creating an exceptional audit trail.

SafetyMARK is designed to provide you with the framework you need to manage safety successfully.

- REASSURE...** governors, staff and parents about safety standards.
- MEASURE...** your school's status with regard to legal compliance and best practice.
- PRIORITISE...** your next steps with a practical improvement plan.
- COMPLY...** with the safety standards required for Ofsted/ISI inspections.
- BENEFIT...** from free access to a members' area with downloadable resources.
- GAIN...** recognition for your school's efforts to manage safety.
- PROMOTE...** your school as a centre of safety excellence.
- IMPROVE...** your safety culture, reduce accidents and make your defence against potential claims more robust.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

A SafetyMARK auditor will visit your school at a pre-arranged date and will carry out an independent health and safety audit. Regardless of the result of the audit, you will receive a full report with notes and a prioritised improvement plan. This audit is 'scored' and, if the set standard is achieved, your school will receive the SafetyMARK award.

But if your school is not there yet, do not worry too much about this. Many of our scheme members join us because they are either unsure about how they

are doing or they recognise that they need help to identify their gaps and draw up a plan. These schools love to have a really practical improvement plan and the support and resources they need to understand and implement it.

The plan is uploaded into your personalised task manager in the members' area. You can work on your improvements, recording notes and uploading evidence as you go. As soon as the SafetyMARK standard is achieved you will receive your award.

BENEFITS OF BEING A SCHEME MEMBER

Throughout the two year cycle, your school will benefit from being able to access professional safety advisors to help you to understand and implement the recommendations from your plan. If you have a question about safety - you need only ask!

Your school also has instant access to the members' area on our website. This contains a huge array of useful documents that schools can use to prepare for their audit or else to help them to address the recommendations made in the improvement plan, after the audit. The members' area includes:

- Policies & Procedures** – model documents and proformas for a range of safety topics.
- Risk Assessments** – model risk assessments for a whole range of risk categories.
- Guidance** – a vast library of searchable, helpful information and advice from a range of sources.
- Training Packs** – model 'toolbox talks' on common school risks.
- News Feed** – keep up to date with all of the latest school safety news, prosecutions and resources.
- Personalised Safety Management Area** – your own online task manager and document store.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Scheme members also have access to additional support services at preferential day rates. Here are just some of the services that you can access:

General risk assessment services / Fire risk assessments / Noise assessments / Occupational hygiene services / Asbestos surveying and management / Legionella risk assessment and management / Attendance of safety meetings / Online school safety training packages / IOSH accredited school safety training / A large array of practical safety training courses (such as working at height, manual handling, fire awareness, fire marshalling, first aid, safety for support staff). SafetyMARK is your portal to all the high quality safety support that you need.

THE SafetyMARK AWARD

Upon meeting the standard needed for the SafetyMARK award, you will receive a framed certificate of achievement that you can proudly display in your school.



The logo can be used on electronic and printed material such as websites, letter heads and promotional material – a great opportunity for your school to publicise your excellence in safety. You will also receive a batch of official SafetyMARK window stickers.



ABOUT IN HOUSE

In House has a proven track record based upon long-standing partnerships with schools, providing support in all aspects of health and safety. We have a long list of schools that we work with and some very prestigious names amongst them.

Over the years, we have worked closely with school governors, management and operational staff and so we understand the people, the environment and the risks. This means that In House has developed the knowledge and expertise necessary to help create safe environments for education.

As a result, we are delighted to be administering the SafetyMARK scheme because it fits perfectly with In House's ethos of supporting safety excellence in schools.

It is our aim to be integral to the support and improvement of safety standards in the education sector and so, with our partners, we have set up 'The School Safety Partnership'. Through this unique arrangement, schools are able to access the best safety services and support available. The SSP logo is a guarantee of quality at the best available prices.

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to be part of a scheme that supports and recognises your commitment to health and safety, please contact us: www.safety-mark.co.uk / info@inhousesafety.co.uk / 0845 873 2390



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