

U3A Mount Dandenong Health and Safety Policy - Serious Injury and Incident

Introduction

1. *U3A Mount Dandenong and District* recognises that the health and safety of its members and volunteers is important and that injuries or illnesses resulting from accidents or incidents should be reported and investigated to minimise the risk of recurrence.

Purpose

2. This policy documents the procedures to be applied:

- Where a serious injury or illness results from an accident or incident
- Where an incident occurs that has the potential to recur and to cause serious injury or illness.

Policy

3. 'Incident' refers to any event that caused, or could have caused, serious injury or illness. Such events include fire, explosion, non-compliance with environmental regulatory requirements, vehicle accidents, equipment failure etc.

4. This policy applies to all members, volunteers and visitors under the control of *U3A Mount Dandenong and District*.

5. *U3A Mount Dandenong and District* commits to preventing accidents and minimising dangerous incidents at its premises and will endeavour to achieve a zero accident rate.

6. *U3A Mount Dandenong and District* requires serious injuries and illness resulting from accidents or incidents that occur in a *U3A Mount Dandenong and District* context to be reported and investigated and for a plan to be devised and implemented to address the cause and to prevent recurrence.

7. *U3A Mount Dandenong and District* will respond promptly and decisively to any incident resulting in serious injury or illness.

8. *U3A Mount Dandenong and District* will appoint a volunteer Health and Safety Officer, who may be a member of the Committee of Management, to administer this policy.

Procedures

9. A serious injury/illness resulting from an accident/incident within a *U3A Mount Dandenong and District* context must be reported immediately to the Health & Safety Officer, who will inform the President promptly.

10. Within 24 hours of a serious injury/illness occurring the Health and Safety Officer will:

- Investigate the cause and devise a plan to prevent a recurrence of the incident
- Present a Serious Injury or Illness Report to the President in the VMIA found at <https://www.vmia.vic.gov.au/claim/make-a-claim>, with appropriate supporting documentation.
- Ensure that a copy of the completed Serious Injury or Illness Report is stored in the organisation's records management system and laid before the next meeting of the Committee of Management.

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11. *U3A Mount Dandenong and District's* Committee of Management will implement appropriate remedial actions arising from consideration of the Health and Safety Officer's *Serious Injury or Illness Report*.

12. Any accident/incident that has the potential to result in injury or illness will be reported to the Health and Safety Officer within 24 hours of the incident or accident.

13. Within 48 hours of an accident or incident that has the potential to recur and cause injury or illness, the Health and Safety Officer will:

- Investigate the incident and present a report to the President in the VMIA claim found at <https://www.vmia.vic.gov.au/claim/make-a-claim>
- Ensure that the completed report is stored in the organisation's records management system
- Lay the report before the next meeting of the Committee of Management.

14. *U3A Mount Dandenong and District's* Committee of Management will determine and implement remedial actions arising from consideration of the *Serious Incident Report*.

15. Where an incident results in a death:

- a) Emergency Services will be notified (telephone 000) immediately
- b) *U3A Mount Dandenong and District's* President will be notified immediately
- c) The site of the incident will be secured until a Victoria Police officer arrives unless disturbance to the site of a fatality is for the purpose of aiding a person injured in the incident

Responsibilities

16. It is the responsibility of the Committee of Management to ensure that:

- Members and volunteers are aware of this policy
- All serious injuries / illnesses/incidents are investigated and corrective action implemented
- All matters relating to members health and safety are dealt with promptly and decisively

17. Members and volunteers are responsible for immediately reporting

- A serious injury/ illness or incident to the Health and Safety Officer
- A death to Emergency Services and to *U3A Mount Dandenong and District's* President

18. The Health and Safety Officer is responsible for:

- Immediately informing the President following a report of a serious injury / illness
- Investigating and documenting the circumstances surrounding a serious injury / illness /incident, in consultation with the injured person
- Devising a plan to prevent further injuries / incidents
- Providing a written report to the President, in the VMIA form as attached

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19. It is the responsibility of all members and volunteers to ensure that incidents and hazards in a *U3A Mount Dandenong and District* context are reported promptly to the Health and Safety Officer.

Authorisation

20. This policy was adopted by the Committee of Management of *U3A Mount Dandenong and District*, and minuted as such, on **[insert date of meeting]**. September 13, 2023

21. This policy will be published by the Committee of Management of *U3A Mount Dandenong and District* on its website within four weeks of the date of this authorisation.