

COOMBE HILL SOARING ASSOCIATION (CHSA)

SAFETY CODE

All members of CHSA must accept personal responsibility for safety, protecting members of the public and the environment. Please remember that we do not have exclusive rights to or use of the area and that the Ridge Way path runs along the slope face.

The following notes offer basic guidance about safety. They are not intended to be comprehensive and members must show personal initiative in respect of safety, including having a first aid kit at hand.

SAFETY NOTES

1. Only use Approved Channels (27 or 35 MHz or 2.4GHz) with the crystals inserted correctly. If you use 27 MHz, beware of interference from children with “toy” off-road buggies.
2. Do not switch on transmitters until reaching the slope and checking for other flyers. If other flyers are present when you arrive, make contact and check that there is no clash of frequency. Do not fly from another area.
3. When several flyers are using the slope, stand together and co-operate with regard to landing and warning each other of approaching walkers, etc.
4. Always carry out pre-flight checks to confirm that all controls function correctly, everything is properly stowed and that the model is “in-trim”
5. Do not fly if you suspect any faults. Monitor the charge in your batteries. If you have “an arrival”, check the model very carefully before re-launching.
6. Landing can be tricky. Be prepared to go round again when landing on top of the slope. In strong winds, it may be safer to land on the plateau behind the slope. However, this also needs care and vigilance, and is easier with a helper to warn members of the public.
7. The terms of our license with the National Trust prohibits competition. Therefore, **NO RACING – NO COMBAT!**
8. **DO NOT OVERFLY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

GENERAL POINTS

Please remember: we share Coombe Hill with other users and we are a very small minority group. Therefore, always be courteous to members of the public and help them to understand our sport. Do not damage the environment and always take your litter home.

Keep your Membership Card handy – the NT Warden may want to see it.

NOVICES MUST’ seek advice. If in doubt **DON’T FLY.**