



## Scottish Power Kite Association CODE OF CONDUCT

Power/Traction kites generate a great deal of pull/lift and as such have their own inherent dangers. In recognising this, the SPKA has provided the following code of conduct and ask that all participants using power/traction kites adopt this code for the safety of themselves and all other members of the general public. It will also exhibit to any others the willingness of our participants to act in a safe and responsible manner.

1. Help to promote a safe practice of power/traction kite flying and its associated crafts. Wearing a helmet and other safety equipment is recommended.
2. Be aware that members of the public may not know of the potential hazards that can develop through the flying of power/traction kites.
3. Always conduct yourself within the guidelines of the [Scottish Outdoor Access Code](#).
4. When setting up make sure your kite is secured safely, preferably by means of an easily visible stake/peg inserted into the ground, do not leave it unattended and if it must be left out for a prolonged period anchor the trailing edge by placing sand, weights or even your board/buggy on it to prevent it inadvertently lifting off the ground.
5. It is recommended that only one kite is unpacked at any one time, even when 'run out' on the lines and left bagged they can become a potential tripping hazard.
6. Give way to others and always give animals/pedestrians plenty of room by maintaining a safe distance from them.
7. Always be aware of where others are in relation to yourself and direction of travel, particularly when you are intending to launch or change direction when under traction. A verbal or visual indication of your intention will always be a help to others around you.
8. A general rule has developed within power/traction kiting that suggests when a 'head to head' collision is imminent, both parties should move to their right to take evasive action.
9. As a point of etiquette, it is advised that where possible, you should avoid running over others lines while they are on the ground.
10. Always carry proof of current third party liability insurance and allow inspection of it by any requesting party.
11. Remember to always allow room for access by emergency services should the need arise.
12. Follow the country code and remove all your litter, either into suitable bins or take it home with you. Leave the area clean and tidy for others to have their enjoyment too.