

## **Men in Sheds - Health & Safety statement**

The Men in Sheds environment can be a dangerous place and Age UK Cheshire East will do all it can to ensure the safety of service users whilst attending the shed.

Day to day responsibility for ensuring the safety of users and volunteers in the Shed rests with the Shed Co-Ordinator. An assessment of the suitability of a service user will be initially undertaken by the Shed Co-Ordinator prior to them commencing in the Shed. These assessments will be kept under review and attendance at the Shed can be revoked at any time should the service user's condition change (in line with the bullet points below).

Service users taking part in activities should ensure that they understand the limits of their own competence and responsibility to deal with any Health and Safety issues that arise. At all times, they must listen to and follow the instructions of the Shed Co-Ordinator.

Unfortunately, due to the presence of potentially dangerous equipment and tools in the Shed, we are not able to offer a place to service users who:

- Need the assistance of personal carers at all times, due to the limited space available in the shed and concerns for both the service user and carers' health and safety
- Suffer from a medical or other condition which might increase the likelihood of their involvement in an incident which could result in injury to themselves or others
- Need to be kept under constant supervision and cannot leave the Shed unattended
- Appear to be under the influence of drink and/or drugs (illegal or prescribed)

As we are unable to provide one-to-one support, we cannot ensure that service users remain in the Shed throughout the session, and service users are free to leave the Shed should they so wish.

This Health and Policy Statement will be kept under constant review. Any changes to the statement will be made known to all service users.

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