

## Health and Safety Guide for Gites

We have produced this guide to help property owners fulfil their obligations to guests renting their property for holidays. The guide is intended as a keep-safe document to which owners can refer whenever the need arises. However, we must emphasise that the information is advisory only and based on a common-sense evaluation rather than a definite statement of law. Health & safety is a complex matter with regulations changing frequently.

**The Gite Doctor** accepts no responsibility for any error or omission in this document; as with everything to do with health and safety management, there is always a level of risk involved. Property owners must decide for themselves:

- The level of risk that is acceptable from a practical perspective
- What is required to comply with any statutory obligations regarding fittings
- The practical steps needed to ensure that insurance cover is adequate to protect them against all eventualities.
- Whether to consult a legal or health & safety advisor for precise information on these issues.

Property owners should pay particular attention to the areas listed below in order to protect guests and themselves (from a liability point of view) in matters of safety.



### Duty of Care:

As with the provision of any service or product, there is a duty of care placed on the provider (owner) of holiday rental accommodation.

This is basically to ensure that appropriate steps have been taken to guarantee (as far as possible) the safety of those using the facilities. Part of this duty of care is warning guests of any potential hazards – anything from pointing out low beams and steep staircases, to swimming pool and boat safety procedures.

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