

Welsh Government – Camping Exemption Model Code of Conduct

(1) General

1. One named member of the organisation (“the responsible person”) is to be responsible for the conduct of any camping event and for ensuring that members attending comply with this code.
2. The organisation will use every endeavour not to camp on any site for more than 42 consecutive days or 60 days in any 12 consecutive months. The organisation also will endeavour not to camp on any site being used for camping by other organisations holding camping exemption certificates, if the site would thereby be used for camping for more than 42 consecutive days or 60 days in 12 consecutive months.
3. The responsible person should be aware of the Country Code, the Seashore Code and the Caravan Code.

(2) Venue

4. The organisation will take reasonable steps to satisfy itself that the site proposed for an exempted camping event is not subject to a direction under article 4 of the 1995 Order (if it is, express planning permission is required), and is not one where planning permission has been refused or where enforcement action has been taken.
5. The organisation will agree to move from and avoid any site to which the local authority objects.
6. The organisation will take reasonable steps to ensure that the siting of tents does not unduly interfere with the activities of local people, their privacy or their enjoyment of their property and that the siting of tents does not interfere with the enjoyment by others of the landscape, natural beauty or nature conservation value of the area, particularly in areas designated for their landscape or wildlife qualities.

(3) Nuisance

7. Local people should be able to carry on their normal activities when camping is in progress. The organisation will take reasonable steps to minimise disturbance and will investigate and deal with the causes of any complaint.
8. Care should be taken not to damage the site and the surrounding locality. Trees, fences, buildings, equipment and stock should be respected.
9. Domestic animals belonging to members of the organisation will be kept on a lead, under close control. They will not be allowed to run loose on the site or cause disturbance to local people or animals. They will be exercised away from tents and parts of the site used for communal activities and any mess will be picked up.

10. The responsible person will identify a suitable open space for any games that might otherwise intrude on or constitute a danger or annoyance to campers or others on or around the site.

11. Noise will be kept to a minimum for the comfort of other campers on the site as well as people who live or work nearby.

(4) Safety and Spacing

12. The speed of vehicles on the site will be restricted to 5mph.

13. Units will be well spaced and sited so that they do not restrict access to, or exit from any unit or the area in case of emergencies. Emergency vehicles must be able to get access to any tent on the site. Any caravans must be kept entirely separate from tents.

(5) Fire Precautions

14. Open fires and barbeques will not be held except with the permission of the responsible person. Where permission is given for open fires or barbeques, they will be sited on open ground, away from tents, awnings and any other structures.

15. A British Standards Institute approved fire extinguisher will be held on site.

(6) Chemical Toilets and Waste Water Disposal

16. Organisations will act responsibly when disposing of the contents of chemical toilets and waste water and take full account of the need to safeguard water supplies and prevent the pollution of rivers and streams.

17. On-site disposal of the contents of chemical toilets and waste water will be in accordance with arrangements agreed with the landowner. Neither will be allowed to foul the ground except at designated disposal points. If there is any doubt about the disposal of waste, the organisation or, if appropriate, the responsible person will contact the relevant local authority for advice.

(7) Refuse Disposal

18. The responsible person will take steps to ensure that refuse is either taken home or disposed of in accordance with on-site arrangements and that the site is clear of litter at the end of any period of camping.