



Sea Education Association Safety Policy

Formed in 1971, SEA is an educational institution dedicated to exploration, understanding and stewardship of the oceans, and to the study of humanity's relationship with the oceans. SEA offers students an interdisciplinary curriculum, on shore and at sea aboard tall ships, that provides challenging voyages of scientific discovery, academic rigor, and personal growth.

The safety of all program participants and staff is paramount. To this end, SEA maintains a philosophy of prevention in managing risk in its activities. SEA is committed to not exposing students, staff or others to undue risk either ashore or at sea. This will be accomplished by an ongoing assessment of risk for activities either ashore or at sea. Recognizing that its programs involve risks that are inherent and unavoidable, SEA will apply accepted safety management principles in developing and documenting appropriate policies, procedures and practices in an effort to reduce risk to a level that is “as low as reasonably practicable” (ALARP) consistent with SEA’s mission.

SEA’s commitment to safety includes all facets of its operations, particularly the design and operation of the ships, their ongoing maintenance, selection and ongoing training of the crew, and shoreside support. SEA strives for continual safety improvement and will ensure that all accidents and incidents are thoroughly investigated and analyzed; that lessons learned are communicated to staff, and that policies, procedures and practices are modified accordingly.

Implementation of this safety policy will be the responsibility of SEA’s President, working with SEA’s senior management group.