

# KITE SAFETY

how to fly your kite without accidents

Choose an open clear area, away from the public if possible.

- Never fly near overhead power lines – Electricity can kill
- Never fly near roads, busy footpaths, canals, railways, rivers
- Don't fly too close to buildings
- Never fly near animals
- Never fly within 2 miles (5 km) of an airport
- Never fly using lines longer than 60m (200 feet) without special permission from the CAA (Civil Aviation Authority)
- Never fly in a thunderstorm or in stormy thundery weather especially on beaches. (Lightening can strike or static electricity charges can build up and travel down the line through you!)
- Never leave your kite tethered and unattended
  
- Always check how strong the wind is the wind before you launch your kite – if you are being blown about then it's too windy to fly your kite!
- Always be aware of people around you and be prepared to bring the kite down if they get too close
- Always wear sunglasses or a peaked cap to protect your eyes in bright conditions, and don't forget your sun cream if you are going to be flying for a while.
- Always wear gloves if you are flying a big kite to protect your hands. Don't wrap the line around your fingers.

**Please observe these safety guidelines each time you fly.**

Extra advice for beginners

- Stand with your back to the wind before you start
- Avoid gusty wind conditions
- Try not to run with your kite - you might fall over especially if the ground is uneven or you are running backwards