

Legitimate Interest Assessment – Emergency Contact

Purpose Test

The reason that Bedford u3a requests Emergency Contact details for members is so that the committee and/or group convenors know who to contact in the event of an emergency. Bedford u3a has a duty of care to its membership. In order to ensure your safety, we need to be able to contact someone who can meet your welfare needs in the event of an incident/accident. Bedford u3a requests members to inform the person identified as your Emergency Contact that you have provided their details to the u3a. For certain events and trips, we may need to provide these details to a third party. You will be made aware of who Emergency Contact information will be shared with if it is to be shared outside of the u3a.

Necessity Test

The Emergency Contact information provided by members would only be used in the event of a serious incident/accident. Bedford u3a would use the information to contact someone who may need to collect the relevant member, support the relevant member, or liaise, on behalf of the relevant member, with a third-party provider such as a medical professional. Bedford u3a only requests minimal information regarding members' Emergency Contact which includes a name, telephone number and the details of their relationship to the member.

Balancing Test

The Emergency Contact data requested is minimal and is only that which is required to contact the individual in question. Bedford u3a relies on its members to provide Emergency Contact information and to make the individual aware that this information has been passed to the u3a and for what purposes it has been passed to the U3A. Bedford u3a will hold this information securely and it will only be accessed by those who need to see it. The information provided will only be used to contact the member's Emergency Contact where an incident or accident occurs that requires someone to take responsibility for the member in question. The data will not be processed for any other purposes.

Through compilation of this assessment Bedford u3a considers that it has a legitimate interest to collect, hold and process Emergency Contact information. This document will be held by the Committee and communicated to the membership, as required. The assessment will be reviewed every 2 years, or early on the advice of The Third Age Trust, in order to ensure that legitimate interest remains the most appropriate lawful basis for gathering this information.

This policy was adopted on:

Signed: _____ Committee role: _____

Print name: _____

Policy review date: _____ February 2026 _____