

DOJO SAFETY RULES

1. It is the responsibility of every dojo to ensure that all the students are members of U.K.K.A. and carry the necessary insurance against accident or injury. Dojo leaders must also hold the required insurance cover.
2. The dojo leader shall be responsible for the safe operation of the dojo and the supervision of safety. In the absence of the dojo leader the next most senior person will take this responsibility.
3. Where a dojo is in a place which can be accessed by the public, then all entrance doors to the practice area must carry prominent notices warning the public that shooting is in progress. All entrances below the honza line must be closed for access during shooting.
4. Public access should not be allowed without the correct supervision and then only to the established viewing areas.
5. The layout of the dojo must follow the standard arrangement.
6. Only indoor facilities with the ceiling and walls closed are acceptable for use as a dojo environment, unless a customised kyudojo is used following the conventional requirements for safety.
7. The whole area for targets must follow the acceptable requirements for design and safety.
8. Students must use the correct shooting equipment which is correctly set up and maintained.
9. Beginners must use arrows of the correct draw length (yazuka) plus an additional 10 cm.
10. No beginner may shoot on makiwara or mato unsupervised until given permission by the dojo leader or designated seniors. Students up to 2nd dan may not practise on the makiwara or mato unsupervised outside of the dojo. Those from 2nd dan upwards must have permission of the dojo leader and obey the correct requirements and procedure.
11. Arrow collection (ya-tori) should follow the conventions for signaling, acknowledgment, and retrieval of arrows.
12. All members should be aware of their responsibility for safety and obey the instructions of the dojo leader and their dojo seniors.

NB. It is the responsibility of dojo leaders and seniors to familiarise themselves with all aspects of practice pertaining to safety through attendance at national training seminars and the annual EKF seminars.