

Be Confident Group Complaints Procedure

Be Confident Group (BCG) strives to provide a high quality service to all our customers and trainees. We value all forms of feedback - compliments, comments, suggestions and complaints - as these all help us to improve the services we provide.

Occasionally we may fall short of the standards we set ourselves and in these cases, especially if this has resulted in a complaint, we endeavour to learn lessons, take action to satisfy the complainant and to remedy any weaknesses that have been identified in our operations.

Measures we have in place to keep our trainees safe and to maintain high standards:

1. Risk Management

Be Confident Group's system of risk management involves a risk assessment for every course and cycling activity. This process is overseen by the Managing Director. All instructors receive training in risk assessments and Health and Safety at induction as well as ongoing training. Lead instructors are trained in first aid and all instructors are briefed in how to handle accidents and incidents that arise.

2. Be Confident Group Commitment

Be Confident Group issues instructors with documents outlining the standards which are expected of them when delivering our services. After each course, instructors provide feedback to us and one another which helps to identify shortfalls and development needs. Our Head of Training, who is a British Cycling coach and National Standard Instructor Trainer, regularly observes instructors during training to check that Bikeability standards and our professional expectations are both understood and are being met.

3. Continual Professional Development

We regularly review and reissue updated procedures and we offer professional development courses to help our instructors improve and to ensure they work to a consistent standard.

Steps taken following the report of a complaint are:

1. Instructors, if notified, will try to resolve the issue immediately.
 2. We contact complainants in a timely manner, in the first instance to clarify the nature of their complaint.
 3. We investigate how the situation arose and if it could have been avoided.
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4. If applicable we may recommend professional development for instructors or we may invoke our disciplinary procedure against staff or instructors.
5. We respond to the complainant with our findings and any improvements identified.
6. We log all complaints and keep a record of action taken.
7. We review complaints, as well as accidents and other incidents, to see if we can learn anything else from them and will change our practices accordingly.

All complaints are dealt with by the Group Head of Operations or Managing Director of Be Confident Group.

1st4Sport Training

Should your dispute or difference not be resolved to your satisfaction it shall be referred to an agreed arbitrator to resolve the issue or if your complaint is in relation to 1st4Sport Level 2 Award in Instructing Cycle Training you can raise this with 1st4Sport

Apprenticeship Training

As an apprentice you have the right to make a complaint about our service to you as your training provider. If you do not have the complaints procedure ask us as your training provider for a copy. It can also be found here:

https://manage.cycleconfident.com/media/public/downloads/BCG_Complaints_Procedure_V4_1.pdf

As an apprentice, if you are unhappy with our response to your complaint, you have the right to make a formal complaint to the ESFA (Education and Skills Funding Agency). Apprentices and their employers can contact the apprenticeship helpline on 0800 015 0600 regarding apprenticeship concerns, complaints and enquiries.

The ESFA Guide to making a complaint can be found on GOV.UK.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/education-and-skills-funding-agency/about/complaints-procedure>

You should try to resolve your complaint informally with the training provider first. You can make a formal complaint if you are not able to solve your issue informally. You must first have followed our organization's published complaints procedure as outlined in this document.

Apprentices or employers may further contact the ESFA complaints team for advice using one of these routes:

complaints.ESFA@education.gov.uk

<https://customerhelpportal.education.gov.uk/>

or by phone on 0800 015 0600

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Complaints via phone: 020 3031 6730; email: Contact@cycleconfident.com; info@bikeright.co.uk or letter to
Be Confident Group, LG04, Lincoln House, 1-3 Brixton Road, London SW9 6DE

