

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Northwest Regional Rowing Council recognises that during normal operations a number of risks could arise that might require emergency action. They have therefore set out a basic list of events and actions to be taken in the event of an incident that may require emergency response, whether from internal resources or from Emergency Services.

Potential risks include:

- Slips and Trips, particularly whilst boat handling.
- Falling in to the river.
- Accidents including pulled muscles or other injuries whilst training.
- Incidents involving health issues.
- Fire in the Club House or Boat House.

The normal method of contacting Emergency Services is by mobile phone; there is no landline facility at Northwich Rowing Club but mobile reception is generally good for all carriers except in the vicinity of the Railway Bridge (shown on the map) where reception is sometimes poor for some carriers.

Only dial 999 if there is a real emergency that requires the immediate response from Emergency Services. This is the equivalent to a Mayday call in boating parlance. For other incidents call 101 for Police and 111 for Medical incidents where you may want advice or to report an incident. Both of these lines will escalate the call to a full 999 status for you if they think it is required.

For individuals who have suffered an injury that does not require immediate medical intervention, always ensure that arrangements are in place for the injured person to get back home safely before leaving them.

For incidents on the water, ensure that the rest of the crew are safe and able to recover their boat and to return home safely.

Most incidents, including land based incidents that are more than a simple health issue (asthma attack, minor muscle strains, etc), should be reported on the BR incident reporting site.

In the event of a fire, a procedure is posted adjacent to all the sounders (fog horns), the fire extinguishers and the Emergency Exit points. Please make yourself familiar with these instructions.

In the event of any incident requiring the attendance of the Emergency Services the following procedure must be adopted:

1. In the event of a medical emergency, ensure that the victim is never left unattended.
2. In the event of a fire, evacuate the area immediately around the fire, sound the alarm, and assemble in the Car Park if the fire is at the Club House location or on the Canal Bank if the incident involves a Boat on the water.

Dial 999 and ask for the appropriate Emergency Service.

Speak clearly and listen to and respond to the operators requests carefully.

Tell them that :

'Northwich Rowing Club requires an Ambulance/Fire Service/Police at a vehicle access point on the River Weaver:'

and give the appropriate access point as below. The access points listed refer to numbered locations on the map.

You will also be asked to provide details of the nature of the incident.

Access point 1 - SJ 656 728 Northwich Rowing Club, The Crescent, Northwich CW9 8AE

Access point 2 - SJ 653 723 The Fisherman's Car Park, off Bickley Close (Kingsmead) Northwich, CW9 8TJ

Access point 3 - SJ 646 713 The Fisherman's Car Park at the West Side (Hartford Side) of Hartford Blue Bridge on the A556 Westbound

Access point 4 - SJ 647 712 The East Side (Davenham Side) of Hartford Blue Bridge on the A556 Westbound

Access Point 5 - SJ 641 706 The Fisherman's Car Park at the Railway Viaduct accessed along Vale Royal Drive, the first road immediately left after the Hartford Blue Bridge on the A556 Westbound