

Marazion Angling Club - Safety & Risk Assessment Statement:

It is the duty of the club to advise its members, officials and all visiting anglers with the principals of safety and risk assessment. All members, officials and visiting anglers should make themselves aware of the risks they face in the surroundings they find themselves and carry out their own risk assessment. This usually amounts to common sense. All persons must then take the appropriate action to ensure their own safety and that of others. However, it is a requirement that all anglers read, understand and accept this Safety & Risk Assessment Statement.

All Angling activities are undertaken at the Anglers own risk.

General Risks Associated with Angling

1. Paths:

Only use obvious paths along the bank. Always beware of other users. Do not place anything on the path which may cause a trip hazard. Beware of tree roots, brambles etc. which may cause slip or trip hazards. Take care when using all paths.

2. Power Lines:

Do not fish under or near power lines, electricity can arc over considerable distances. Carbon fibre rods are also an excellent conductor of electricity.

3. Trees:

Fishing under trees can be unsafe in windy conditions. Beware of falling trees/branches.

4. Fences:

Fences should not be climbed this causes damage and presents further hazards.

5. Electric Fences:

Electric fences periodically discharge high voltages. Contact may result in shock, or worse.

6. Lightning:

If using a graphite rod, you have a good lightning conductor. In case of lightning, it is recommended that you lay your rod flat on the ground and take shelter (not under trees). A car is a good place to shelter.

7. Casting:

Always show consideration to other users on the river bank by avoiding contacting anyone with your back-cast.

8. Hooks:

Hooks by their design are sharp and easily penetrate the skin. Their use brings them into contact with germs etc, that can be injurious to health. Caution should be used when handling hooks, tying on or removing hooks. Rusty hooks should be avoided at all times. Pay particular care to persons using bank side paths.

9. Animals, including dogs:

Treat all animals with respect. Club rules state there should be no dogs around the lake.

10. Weils Disease

This is transmitted in rat's urine. Never put wet lines in your mouth or any other items of tackle that has been in the water. Wear waterproof plaster on any cuts or abrasions. Use anti-bacterial hand-wash and avoid handling food items until you have washed thoroughly. Symptoms of Weils disease include: Chills, nausea & vomiting, sudden headaches, loss of appetite and muscle pain (particularly in the calves and lower back). If you have these symptoms after fishing, seek urgent medical attention.

11. Falling in the water:

Falling in the water may cause drowning. Make yourself aware of the location of buoyancy aids provided around the lake and use them to assist anyone in the water in preference to entering the water yourself to assist.

12. Weather Conditions:

The weather may change suddenly. Be constantly aware of changing weather and its consequences. Bring appropriate clothing for all weathers.

13. Vehicles:

Vehicles must be driven in a courteous manner at all times, particularly on leaving roads to access Club parking facilities and parking in Club designated parking areas, ensure that due respect and courtesy is given to residents and other users. Do not block access at any time.

14. Risks specific to Junior Members:

The Club expects that all Junior Anglers are supervised by an adult member at all times.

All persons (Members, Guests and Day Permit Holders) fishing Club waters, do so at their own risk.