

Marazion Angling Club – Work Party Risk Assessment and 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 who volunteer for work parties 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 work party volunteers read, understand and accept this Safety & Risk Assessment Statement.

All volunteers attending work parties do so at their own risk.

1) Weather: poor visibility, cold, rain - slippery underfoot. Sunny/hot - sunburn/heatstroke.

- If weather is severe cancel visit
- Wear waterproof clothing and suitable footwear
- Avoid puddles and icy patches
- If hot - sun block/wear hat/drinking water

2) Weil's disease and other water borne conditions.

- Gloves to protect hands from cuts
- All wounds to be covered with waterproof plasters before clean-up
- Hands to be washed after visit and before eating
- Vaccinations – Tetanus, Hep A, Hep B

3) Falling into the water. Slippery surfaces and steep banks.

- Avoid slippery steps/slopes. Check them before walking on them.
- Always tell people where you are going and when you will be back
- Read water safety advice

4) Personal Injury: cuts, grazes, minor falls, slips & trips. Uneven surfaces.

- No unprotected feet - suitable footwear
- Waterproof plasters for cuts/grazes
- Wash eyes with eyewash
- Do not run

5) Personal Injury: tools and equipment

- Use tools for their intended use only
- Get training if unsure how to use.

Be aware Anglers Trust liability insurance requires that :-

- “ Power tools are used as per the manufacturers guidelines
- Power tools are only used by competent Adult

- Power tools are to be securely locked away when not in use
- Use of Chainsaws is permitted only by users wearing the appropriate PPE equipment.
- IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT those using Chainsaws should undertake appropriate training for their use. Various qualifications are available.”

6) Toxic chemicals. Chemicals getting in eyes or onto skin or open cuts

- ♣ Read warning labels on any containers
- ♣ Wear protective equipment: gloves
- ♣ Avoid contact with chemicals
- ♣ Use eyewash to rinse eyes
- ♣ Cover any cuts/abrasions with waterproof plaster or protective clothing
- ♣ If you are unsure what is inside a container or what a substance is -avoid it and report it.

7) Medical condition. A medical condition that creates an increased risk of injury/accident

- ♣ Take medical advice from a GP
- ♣ Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be back
- ♣ Carry medication
- ♣ Carry mobile phone

8) Personal injury from carrying/moving heavy objects

- ♣ Share heavy burdens
- ♣ Use wheelbarrows/levers/winches to move heavy items any distance
- ♣ Follow lifting advice

9) Wading particularly when in deep or fast running water Individuals when wading

- ♣ Take particular care when wading
- ♣ Use a wading stick
- ♣ Use a wading belt

10) Getting on or off boats, moving around on boats and other boats Individuals when involved with boats

- ♣ Remember boats move around and can be unstable when their balance is disturbed.
- ♣ Take particular care when getting on, off or moving around.
- ♣ Wear a life jacket or suspender

11) Ticks and Lyme disease

♣ Ticks and Lyme disease may be present on land around river & lake banks etc.

♣ Cover up exposed flesh wherever possible.

12) Working at height

♣ Ladders can be a sensible and practical option for low-risk, short-duration tasks (max 30 minutes at a time), although they should not automatically be your first choice. If possible, use extendable tools from ground level to remove the need to climb a ladder.

♣ You should only use ladders if you are competent (sufficient skills, knowledge and experience) and in situations where they can be used safely, e.g. where the ladder will be level and stable, and can be secured (where it is reasonably practicable to do so), and with an assistant or colleague at ground level footing the ladder.

♣ Chainsaws must never be used from ladders by volunteers – if a chainsaw is required at height MAC will consider contracting professionals

13) Fishery imposed restrictions

- Take heed of restrictions imposed by the fishery for health and safety reasons. These are made to ensure your safety.

- Listen carefully to briefings from organisers and club officers.