



Stour Valley Canoe Club

HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

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Health and Safety Policy Statement

- Written risk assessments are available for all club activities.
- SVCC holds Combined Liability insurance, provided for the club through affiliation to British Canoeing.
- Coaches are fully qualified/trained in the activity they specialize in. Appropriate courses regularly attended to maintain skills and qualifications where required.
- SVCC have a dedicated Safety Officer, who has attended an Events Safety course. They provide support to the committee and all club members on Safety issues and act as single point of contact on all safety matters. They carry out risk assessments and update and maintain current risk assessments annually.
- SVCC have a dedicated Welfare Officer who has received clearance through the Disclosure and Barring Service (previously CRB). And has attended a Safeguarding Course. Providing support to the committee and all club members on Welfare and safeguarding issues, and act as single point of contact on all safeguarding matters. The club takes its safeguarding seriously and strives to maintain high standards in this area.
- Coaches and some experienced club members are first aid trained.

Participation Statement

- All activities have been risk assessed. Written risk assessments available on request.
- All coaches are qualified in the activities they will be leading.
- All coaches are BCU members
- All coaches are First Aid trained and will have access to a First Aid Kit.
- SVCC holds Combined Liability Insurance, provided for the club through affiliation to British Canoeing.
- SVCC cannot be held responsible for personal accidents and recommend participants take out their own cover if they wish to be insured against personal accident.
- SVCC cannot be held responsible for any accident whilst travelling to or from a venue.
- Participants having received a brief from SVCC coaches take part in the activities at their own risk.
- Participants must understand that activities offered are of a physical nature and potentially a heightened risk at times and may result in minor cuts, grazes, bruising, strains and sprains. Possibility of drowning on higher graded rivers.
- Participants should notify coaches when questioned any medical or other condition that may affect their ability to take part in the activity.
- SVCC reserves the right to refuse participation if the participant fails to follow health & safety guidelines for the activity.
- No alcohol or drugs are to be brought to the Club venue.
- Please contact a member of the SVCC Club Committee if you need further clarification on any of the above.