

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

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“Bishops Stortford Canoe Club is strongly committed to encouraging our members to take part, but the health, wellbeing and safety of each individual is always our paramount concern. We recommend the level/nature of training and activities to be dependent on age and ability, and expect our members to participate within these boundaries.”

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY:

To support our Health and Safety policy statement we are committed to the following duties:

- Undertake regular, recorded risk assessment of the club premises and all activities undertaken by the club.
- Create a safe environment by putting health and safety measures in place as identified by the assessment.
- Ensure that all members are given the appropriate level of training and engage in activities/competition commensurate with the individual's ability depending on age, maturity and development.
- Ensure that all members are aware of, understand and follow the club's health and safety policy.
- Appoint a competent club member to assist with health and safety responsibilities in the role of Club Safety Officer.
- Ensure that normal operating procedures and emergency operating procedures are in place and known by all members.
- Provide access to adequate first aid facilities, telephone and a qualified first aider at all times.
- Report any injuries or accidents sustained during any club activity or whilst on the club premises and keep a record of all such incidents.
- Ensure that the implementation of the policy is reviewed regularly and monitored for effectiveness.

AS A CLUB MEMBER YOU HAVE A DUTY TO:

- Take reasonable care for your own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by what you do or not do.
- Cooperate with the club on health and safety issues, respect club rules and policies.
- Correctly use all equipment provided by the club.
- Not interfere with, or misuse, anything provided for your health, safety or welfare.

CLUB HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER: Andrew Gurney

FIRST AID:

Location of first aid facilities: The main first aid kit is a red bag kept in the tall cupboard at the back of the main club room

Location of telephones: There is no fixed telephone line at the clubhouse or within the immediate area. During club sessions, club coaches and committee members will have their personal phones accessible. Members visiting the clubhouse at other times are advised to ensure they bring a mobile phone with them.

QUALIFIED FIRST AIDERS:

- Ann McNiven (White) Matron, Heart & Lung Division, Gt Ormond St Hospital
- Joao Spinola 10 Dec 2025 (1 Day)
- Simon Forey 6 Jun 2025 (2 Day)
- Ant Wright..... 13 Oct 2024 (1 Day)
- Joe Fitzpatrick 12 Oct 2024 (Aquatic Response, 2 day)
- Euan Caton 12 Oct 2024 (Aquatic Response, 2 day)
- Kayleigh Gaulton 12 Oct 2024 (Aquatic Response, 2 day)
- Eilidh White 12 Oct 2024 (Aquatic Response, 2 day)
- David Gurney 12 Oct 2024 (Aquatic Response, 2 day)
- Kerstin Queeney 12 Oct 2024 (Aquatic Response, 2 day)
- Jacqueline Cayford 13 Oct 2023 (2 Day)
- David Cayford 13 Oct 2023 (2 Day)