



MALDON ANGLING SOCIETY (M.A.S.) HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

MAS does not have any full or part time employees and as such does not fall under the Health and Safety at Work Act per say but has a legal duty to provide such Health and Safety Guidelines to its members when fishing or taking part in fishing related acts such as work parties and nettings.

MAS is committed to ensuring that we actively maintain our waters with regard to our members health and safety when fishing or visiting the waters at all times. Members and third parties are responsible for their own health and safety whilst on our waters and should contact MAS immediately if unsafe conditions or operations are found.

MAS if using third parties or contractors must make sure that we are provided with a copy of their insurance cover and health and safety policies which must be adhered to at all times whilst working on our waters.

MAS will ensure that no harm or damage will occur to owner's property and to the general public whilst carrying out work parties and associated operations. Any work party or other operations will be posted online and by posters at the water so that members are informed. Owners must also be informed when the above is to take place.

MAS will close waters as required when dangerous operation are to take place such as tree felling etc.

MAS is required to carry out its duties in accordance with safe working practices, to ensure that all materials are stored in a safe manner and that all tools, equipment is maintained in a safe and usable condition. Any tools, equipment's provided by work party or netting volunteers must also be in a safe and working order. Any routine servicing of MAS tools and equipment must be carried out before they can be used.

MAS has a duty of care to make sure that any volunteers are competent to carry out their tasks in a safe manner. Should any training be required to use certain tools or equipment by volunteers MAS will either arrange and pay for or reimburse the volunteer concerned.

MAS will make sure that personal protective equipment is used by its volunteers and may as necessary provide such equipment.

MAS will keep simple records of its tools and equipment and record of its activities whether work parties or nettings. These to be volunteers names and member number if applicable. These will enable enquiries to take place if subsequent injury or illness occurs after any MAS activities.

MAS will undertake a risk assessment before carrying out any activities on or around its waters. Risk assessments may be undertaken in advance of any water and used as a generic record but these must always be checked on the actual activity day before commencing the activity. These and any other record should be kept by the Secretary and Fishery Manger.

MAS will ensure that an up to date first aid kit is always available at any activity.

MAS wishes to point out that angling has inherent risks with the possibility of incurring injury, illness, disability and death. Anglers should be competent in the use of angling equipment and able to risk assess their fishing position in a reasonable manner. MAS cannot be held responsible for any illness, affliction, disability, allergy or any other medical condition affected or activated whilst using our waters. Always consult your GP if concerned about your health whilst fishing.

MAS wishes to bring to everyone's attention that WEILS DISEASE is ever present and is passed into humans via rats' urine which can be in water or on the bank, in fact anywhere frequented by rats. It can enter through cuts and abrasions in the skin. Symptoms can be flu like in appearance; see your GP if you have any concerns.

MAS has the following work sheets which are to be used for working and netting parties.

MAS RISK ASSESSMENT SHEET 1

MAS RISK ASSESSMENT SHEET 2

MAS WORK PARTY AND NETTING SIGN IN SHEET

MAS WATER GRID NUMBERS

MAS EQUIPMENT REGISTER

MAS H&S VERSION 1.3 FEBRUARY 2021. TO BE REVEIWED AS REQUIRED