

# Falkirk Municipal Angling Club

Angling and participating in club membership activities at the Mill Dam  
Risk Assessment  
Rev 02

<b>Title</b>	Angling and participation of club membership duties
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Hazard	Who	Recommended measures to reduce risk	Comments
<i>Conflict Aggression/Violence  Disturbing poaching activities</i>	<i>Members/ Guest</i>	<p>Avoid engaging with poachers and recommend that you call the Police or 101 immediately on discovery of poachers.</p> <p>If you feel threatened lock yourself in your vehicle and try to remove yourself from harm's way until assistance arrives.</p>	<p><i>What Information to Provide to the police.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Time &amp; Date:</b> When</li><li>● <b>Description:</b> Number of people, clothing, tools, dogs.</li><li>● <b>Vehicles:</b> Make, colour, and reg.</li><li>● <b>Evidence:</b> Take photos if safe to do so</li><li>● <b>Report</b> incident to committee</li></ul>

<p>Drowning</p> <p>Falling overboard from the boat</p> <p>Falling in when wading</p>	<p>Members/ Guest</p>	<p>Members must fill in the book before approaching the water to bank fish or fish from a boat (sign in)</p> <p>Life jackets/ vests must be worn at all times.</p> <p>Safe wading practices to be followed. Do not wade beyond thigh depth as the banks are soft and there are hidden drop offs, the use of a wading stick may give support.</p> <p>Avoid standing in the boat when possible. Obtain an accurate weather forecast for inclement weather.</p>	<p><i>More info on using a boat and tips for safe wading.</i></p> <p><a href="https://blog.fullingmill.com/boat-fishing-stillwaters-for-trout-a-complete-guide/">https://blog.fullingmill.com/boat-fishing-stillwaters-for-trout-a-complete-guide/</a></p> <p><a href="https://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/how-to-articles/trout-fishing-articles/tips-for-safe-wading">https://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/how-to-articles/trout-fishing-articles/tips-for-safe-wading</a></p>
<p>Injury to wildlife due to discarded tippet and general discarded litter.</p>	<p>Wildlife</p>	<p>Mill Dam is home to many species. We are visitors in their habitat. As guests we must remember to take all our rubbish home. There are no exceptions to this rule.</p> <p>Discarded tippet material is a real risk to wildlife and should not be discarded in the water or around it.</p> <p>Leave nothing but footprints.</p>	

<p>Lone Fishing</p> <p>Incident/accident severity may be increased due to the inability to raise an alarm or request assistance.</p>	<p>Members</p>	<p>Take a fully charged phone with you.</p> <p>Obtain a weather forecast.</p> <p>You must fill in the logbook before fishing (sign in)</p> <p>Inform someone of intended fishing duration including expected return time.</p> <p>Do not take unnecessary risks whilst fishing.</p> <p>Although fishing into darkness hours is tempting, consideration to egressing the boats in darkness creates an additional unnecessary hazard.</p>	
<p>Injury sustained from hooking oneself or fishing partner</p>	<p>Members/ Guest</p>	<p>To protect your eyes, wear safety glasses.</p> <p>Carry a pair of cutters designed to snip the hook point, which will assist in removing an embedded hook.</p> <p>If the hook cannot be removed easily, seek medical attention immediately.</p>	<p>More info</p> <p><a href="https://news.orvis.com/fly-fishing/classic-video-remove-fish-hook-skin">https://news.orvis.com/fly-fishing/classic-video-remove-fish-hook-skin</a></p>
<p>Young / vulnerable persons visiting</p>	<p>Members/ Guest</p>	<p>Young and vulnerable persons require constant supervision by a club member or accompanying parent or guardian to ensure their safety and well being.</p>	

Fire	Members/ Guest	Open fires are not allowed.  Care should be taken when extinguishing cigarettes/cigars etc	
Contracting bacterial infection (Weil's disease)	Members/ Guest	Although unlikely, fishermen/fisherwomen are at risk.  Cover all open cuts and wounds. Use good hygiene practices before eating, drinking, smoking etc.  The use of Mill Dam water as drinking water is not recommended .	More info  <a href="https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/media/197827/Leptospirosis-June-2014.pdf">https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/media/197827/Leptospirosis-June-2014.pdf</a>
Manual Handling  Launching and retrieving boats  Operating the boat retrieval pully	Members/ Guest	Know your limitations. Plan any manual handling activity Get assistance, the more the merrier Use good body positioning and form dont twist or overreach Clear the area of any trip hazards before commencing. Operate the retrieval pulley in a slow action from a good solid base stance.	More info  <a href="https://www.hse.gov.uk/msd/manual-handling/print.htm">https://www.hse.gov.uk/msd/manual-handling/print.htm</a>

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