



Ashfield Angling Club Arrangements for the use of Chainsaws

Statement

Ashfield Angling Club is committed to ensuring that it will do all that is reasonably practicable to prevent injury and damage to property; this includes the safe use of chainsaws.

Chainsaws are potentially dangerous machines which can cause fatal or major injuries if not used correctly. It is essential that anyone who uses a chainsaw should have received adequate training and be competent in using a chainsaw for the type of work/task that they are required to do.

Ashfield Angling Club will only permit the use of chainsaws by suitably trained and competent persons. Members using chainsaws must be authorised in writing by the chairman

Chainsaw Use

Members authorised to use chainsaws are only authorised to use chainsaws at ground level. Above ground level works such as tree management shall only be carried out by competent tree management specialists who carry appropriate insurance and operators licences (i.e. LANTRA) and are trained for working at heights.

Risk Assessment

Any person using a Chainsaw (Authorised Member or Contractor) must have a suitable risk assessment in place for the use of the chainsaw at the point of work/task, the risk assessment must cover:

- Specific Hazards of the work to take place
- Who could be affected
- Measures already in place - to avoid possible harm
- Use of Personal Protective Equipment suitable and appropriate in the use of Chainsaws
- Exclusion of persons from the work area
- Further actions - what more can be reasonably done to reduce the likelihood of an accident happening?

The Risk Assessment document will be completed and signed by the responsible person (administrator or organiser), key actions will be conveyed (where appropriate read and understood) to all participating so that they know and understand the risks associated in the use of, or being in the proximity of chainsaws.

Non Authorised and Inappropriate Use of Chainsaws

Any unauthorised person found using a chainsaw or using a chainsaw in an unsafe/inappropriate manner at a club venue will be subject to a disciplinary investigation and a penalty imposed by the committee this could include expulsion from the club



General

Authorised members must receive refresher training and assessment every 5 years. Authorisation to use chainsaws will be reviewed by the club Health and Safety Officer every 12 months and continued use will be re confirmed in writing.

Health and Safety Officer
Ashfield Angling
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