



Cuckmere Valley Canoe Club

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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES POLICY

The following measures have been taken to ensure that should an incident or emergency occur during a club session, the situation will as best as possible, be dealt with promptly and efficiently:

- During club sessions and river trips duty coaches will carry a first aid kit in the kayak or canoe they paddle.
- A full first aid kit will be held and maintained in the office of the Seven Sisters Canoe Centre
- Coaches paddling on the meanders near to the Canoe Barn, will have access via key to the office and therefore the telephone should an emergency/incident occur. Where practical, mobile phones should be carried on the water.
- Should access to the office telephone not be possible, the public phone on the roadside at the entrance to the Seven Sisters Country Park, should be used. Calls to the emergency services are do not require payment. Dial 999 or 112.
- Should an emergency/incident occur when at the river estuary or at the beach, help should be sought by calling at one of the Coastguard Cottages for access to a telephone. If present, a member of the public should be approached for access to a mobile phone but network coverage is poor in the beach area.
- All accidents and incidents will be recorded in the CVCC accident book and also be reported to the British Canoeing using the CVCC Incident Reporting Form (Doc 9) [BC incident reporting form](https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/go-canoeing/access-and-environment/access-to-water/incident-reporting). The form is on-line: <https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/go-canoeing/access-and-environment/access-to-water/incident-reporting> and also in the 'Forms and Documents' section on the website.
- Failure to gain access to a telephone at the beach will require a paddler to return promptly to the Cuckmere Inn public house at Exceat bridge where access to a phone will be possible.