



Accident and emergency plan

Accident and emergency on the river

<p>During a race</p> <p>All crews must stop racing immediately when instructed by the umpire.</p> <p>The umpire will attend directly to the party in difficulty.</p> <p>The nearest radio contact will summon the safety launch and inform race control.</p> <p>Race control will declare racing suspended.</p>	<p>Outside of a race</p> <p>The nearest official with a radio will summon the Safety launch and inform race control.</p> <p>If necessary any nearby umpire or marshalling launches will also assist.</p> <p>If the incident is on the course, racing will be suspended by the umpire.</p>
<p>In all cases</p> <p>The safety launch will take control of all radio conversation until the incident is cleared and the safety launch 'stands down'.</p> <p>The safety launch will assess what further action is required.</p> <p>Race control will summon land based first aid.</p> <p>If necessary Race control will summon the RNLI lifeboat and/or the land based emergency services (Dial 999 and ask for Coastguard).</p>	

Accident or emergency on the land

Any bystanders should find the nearest official.

The nearest official will inform race control.

Race control will alert the land based first aid post.

The first aider will assess what further action is required.

If necessary, Race control will summon the emergency services (via 999).

Reporting the incident

The initial incident report should briefly include:

- What has happened?
- Where it has happened
- The number of casualties
- The severity of injuries
- Any support required

If radio communications fail, personnel will attract the attention of the rescue craft by loud hailer or mobile phone.

Any incident should be formally reported using the regatta's own incident form and in the incident book held at Race Control.

Safety and backup rescue launches (see circulation pattern)

The course is 1,000 metres long with one safety launch / rescue craft in position. This is a fully equipped fast RIB (with qualified first aider & RYA level 2 driver).

There will be 4 umpires launches and 1 marshalling launch equipped with suitable safety equipment as defined in the British Rowing's RowSafe.

All marshalling and umpires launches will be equipped with a suitable launch kit to act as back up rescue to the main rescue craft plus a radio; loud hailer; mobile telephone and life jackets for all personnel.