



One of our key concerns in the communities where the Hydro Schemes operate is public safety - particularly when it comes to electricity and water.

Hydro Schemes are close to and surrounded by many rivers, lochs and reservoirs and these are an obvious attraction when it comes to boating, fishing, paddling and other water sports.

Sadly, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents reported drowning as the 3rd most common cause of accidental deaths in under 16's in the UK.

There is little chance of help for those who get into difficulties on water - especially water which is deep or fast flowing, and is in a quiet place away from people. Most of those who cannot swim will drown within a few minutes and even those who can swim, or are close to the bank, can drown within a very short period of time.

Tempting as it may be to cool off on a hot day with a swim or row on the river, you may be unaware of lurking danger:

Very cold water flowing below the surface level can reduce your stamina and strength.

Fast currents at Hydro station intakes and outlets are often unseen and could pull you under.

Water turbines can start up, or sluice gates open very quickly, turning a meandering river into roaring white water - putting anyone downriver in danger.

If you are outside, near to water - Watch for dangers. Look for Warning Notices, Power Stations and Dams. Don't put yourself in a risky position. Always make sure there is adult help nearby in case you get into trouble - and also learn to help. You may be able to help yourself or others if you learn to do the right things in an emergency.

Hydro Power is important to you - and your safety is very important to us.

