



Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club

FIRE PRECAUTIONS POLICY

LBCC recognises that there is a risk of fire within their facilities. The main areas of risk are as follows:-

1. The kitchen area where cooking takes place.
2. The boat store when repairs to boats are being carried out, or from flammable materials stored in there.
3. Electrical fires caused by faulty electrical equipment that may be used from time to time.
4. Barbeques outside the buildings which are used for catering for large events.

A fire alarm system is installed in the building. The control panel is located near the rear entrance, school side. If the alarm is triggered this will show the location where the fire alarm was raised and will be used by the fire brigade or school staff to pinpoint the fire.

Fire extinguishers, both foam and CO₂, are provided in the clubroom. A fire blanket is provided in the kitchen – These are inspected and maintained by the school's fire maintenance contractor. We pay a contribution towards the cost of this maintenance through the service charge.

Escape routes are clearly marked. These must be kept clear and not obstructed. This particularly applies to the escape doors at the rear of the boat shed.

All electrical equipment should be regularly PAT tested to ensure that it is safe to use. If extension leads are used they should be unwound in full.

Boat repairs should generally be carried out outside the boat shed. When these are done the resulting waste should be removed from the site at the end of the session rather than left in the boat shed.

Flammable materials such as for boat repairs shall be stored in flammable materials containers in the storage room in the boat shed and locked.

Gas bottles for barbeques etc. should be removed from site when not in use.

Fuel for grass cutting or similar equipment shall be kept in the flammable materials containers in the storage room of the boat shed, or preferably removed from site between uses. The equipment should be allowed to cool before being put away and ideally left empty.

Where rechargeable battery equipment is used the batteries should only be recharged whilst attended.

No combustible rubbish should be left near the club house or boat shed.

A fire drill will be carried out annually and all members should be made familiar with our emergency procedures.

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