

Emergency Action Plan

Un-qualified Club Members should not attempt to effect a Rescue, assist in Rescues, or administer First Aid and should they do so it is at their own risk.

- Emergency call received (from RNLI Lifeguard, Public or spotted by Club Member)
- The senior Club Qualified Lifeguard is to determine degree of emergency, and liaise with RNLI (if possible and if they are on duty), and take control of the Clubs response to the incident.
- At times when the RNLI Lifeguards are controlling the Beaches, Members will only effect or assist in rescues on their request. Unless circumstances portray that there would be a perceived request, i.e. all RNLI Lifeguards have entered the water during a 'Mass Rescue', and there are multiple casualties still requiring assistance. In this case a Club Lifeguard must control the situation, and direct qualified Members. At no time must the Club Members interfere with the RNLI duties on the Beach.
- The Club Qualified Lifeguard controlling the Clubs response is to delegate specific responsibilities to other qualified Members in a manner commensurate to their qualification. If there is no qualified member present, then any Club Member holding a lesser qualification, can only be directed directly by RNLI Lifeguards. Club Members must NOT request non-qualified Members to carry out any action they are NOT qualified to do.
- When Club Lifeguard/s, are required to attend the scene of incident only qualified Members are to enter the water on their own, and only Lifeguard qualified members may assist in Rescues.
- The first Club Lifeguard attending the incident is to obtain initial account and inform the Club Lifeguard taking control of the Clubs response what other assistance is required.
- Following a rescue, then treatment is to be applied and full details obtained: history of incident – who, what, where, when, why, how
- Where required and available, additional Qualified Club Members should be deployed to give general assistance, and provide crowd control.
- Transfer of patient (if applicable), monitor vital signs and prepare for changeover with ambulance service (if applicable)
- Clean up area, restock equipment where necessary
- Complete all incident reports (Club Lifeguard controlling the response)
- Conduct debrief (if applicable)
- Resume normal duties