

The Ethel Trust

Special safety procedures relating to the most vulnerable people carried on the Ethel barge.

Type of Group	Hazard	Preventative Action
Wheelchair users	Falling overboard Rolling off lift platform Involvement at locks	Wheel chair brakes to be applied at all times when on deck. Gates secured Inside deck safety rails and gates securely fastened when not in use. Brakes applied Safety chains on. Accompanied by carer or crew member. Lift operated by crew member only. To be involved on authorisation of the group leader and satisfactory risk assessment carried out by Skipper.

<p>Visually impaired</p>	<p>Tripping Falling overboard</p> <p>Involvement in shore based activities e.g. working locks</p> <p>Inability to watch pre-trip safety briefing.</p>	<p>Hazardous areas to be highlighted and explained Supervision when on deck. Gates kept closed when not in use To be involved on authorisation of the Group Leader and satisfactory risk assessment carried out by Skipper</p> <p>Group Leader to communicate information in a form that can be understood. Group Leader to accept responsibility.</p>
<p>Hearing impaired</p>	<p>Inability to hear pre-trip safety briefing</p> <p>Inability to hear announcements of imminent danger. Involvement in shore based activities e.g. working lock</p>	<p>Group Leader to communicate information in a form that can be understood. Group Leader to accept responsibility.</p> <p>Group Leader to be instructed on what action to take.</p> <p>To be involved on authorisation of the Group Leader and satisfactory risk assessment carried out by Skipper.</p>

<p>Persons with a learning disability.</p>	<p>Inability to watch pre-trip safety briefing.</p> <p>Involvement in shore based activities e.g. working locks.</p> <p>Inability to control movements</p>	<p>Group Leader to communicate information in a form that can be understood. Group Leader to accept responsibility.</p> <p>To be involved on authorisation of the group leader and satisfactory risk assessment carried out by Skipper</p> <p>On deck lifejackets to be worn. Must stay inside deck rails at all times Safety gates closed when not in use Not left unsupervised.</p>
<p>Challenging behaviour</p>	<p>Danger to the safety of themselves, other passengers and the boat.</p> <p>Failure to heed advice or warnings given</p>	<p>Group Leader informed of problem. Skipper has authority to curtail trip.</p> <p>Group Leader informed of problem. Skipper has authority to curtail trip</p>

<p>Young people</p>	<p>Falling overboard.</p> <p>Access to roof.</p> <p>Involvement in shore based activities e.g. working locks</p>	<p>Buoyancy aids to be worn.</p> <p>NOT ALLOWED ANY TIME</p> <p>All conditions in generic risk assessment to be complied with i.e.:- Not involved without prior agreement of Group Leader. Activity fully explained and understood by those participating. Demonstration of equipment - not to operate until told. Not to go onto lock chamber 'edging'. No running. No racing to open gates first. Maximum 1 young person per carer plus crew Use buoyancy aids. Close supervision. Crew member in possession of walkie talkie Skipper has power to terminate an activity at any time.</p>
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