



Stay Safe 2019 – Very Hot Weather Alert

The potent combination of very hot weather and summer holidays, has already led to a spate of inland water drownings and warnings from the emergency services about the dangers of playing or swimming in rivers, lakes and reservoirs.

With record temperatures forecast this week, many young people will be looking for places to cool off and have some fun. Sadly, the statistics show that these are the conditions when we are most likely to experience trespass and fatalities at both active and disused sites.

MPA urges all operators to check their fencing, signage, safety devices and security arrangements at both operational and non-operational sites. Members are also



recommended to check that their public safety risk assessments are up to date for both operational and non-operational sites.

This week, MPA has issued a 'Letter to Editors' of newspapers and online media throughout Scotland, England and Wales. We have also teamed up with Fun Kids, the national children's digital radio station in the United Kingdom (plus web and mobile) to broadcast daily warning messages to its listeners and sponsor a competition. Please share this link with family and friends <https://www.funkidslive.com/podcast/charlie-crows-quarry-safety/>.



Warning Signs

A series of MPA developed warning signs covering the hazards found in quarries is available from these official suppliers:

GSB Signs - www.gsbhealthandsafetysigns.co.uk

Rainbow Signs - www.uksafetystore.com and www.rainbowsafety.co.uk

Signify Signs - www.signifysigns.co.uk

Please also do not forget the Stay Safe video is viewable on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkRzpvPVdds> and the Facebook page Stay Safe Stay Out of Quarries <https://www.facebook.com/StaySafeStayOutOfQuarries> which provides news on campaigns, incidents, links to videos and other resources. MPA hopes that operators will encourage their staff to view these as appropriate and share it with their contacts.

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