



National Water Safety Management Programme

Supporting Employers – Protecting Employees

The National Water Safety Management Programme (NWSMP) is a suite of interlinked training awards, specifically designed to assist those organisations with employees who work in, on or near water to meet their civil and statutory safety management obligations (especially where employees have supervisory responsibilities).

Aims

- Enable the facilitation, encouragement and enjoyment of safer open water activity by equipping those who work in, on or near water with the necessary knowledge and skills to make informed decisions about safety.
- Develop personal safety skills for lone workers operating in a water-based environment.
- Develop aquatic emergency response skills.

“The Health and Safety Executive was consulted in the development of the NWSMP and endorses the sensible, proportionate, reasonable and balanced advice provided by the programme”

Who is it for?

Teachers, Technicians, Outdoor Activity Instructors, Countryside Rangers, Community Safety Wardens, Dock workers, Construction workers, the Emergency Services – everyone and anyone who works in, on or near water.

Balancing Prevention and Response

The programme embraces contemporary approaches to risk management by balancing the need for simple proactive safety management practices (with a strong focus on preventative measures) alongside effective emergency response skills.

Flexibility

The NWSMP allows employers to construct relevant and meaningful training programmes by selecting and linking together those modules most suited to specific operational and individual needs. The programme recognises the need for flexibility, providing individual programmes which meet a wide range of training requirements across a broad spectrum of working environments.



Safeguarding lives in, on and near water



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Programme Overview

Level 1: Water Safety Awareness Module

For those working or supervising near water who do not have a definite intention to get into the water, for example, School Teacher taking a group on a field trip.

Level 2: Environment Specific Modules (River, Still Water, Beach)

For those who have a greater likelihood of getting closer to or in the water but with a definite intention to stay within standing depth, for example, Construction Worker or Ranger working at the margins.

Level 3: In Water Rescue Module

For those with clients/ people under their supervision who might be swimming out of their depth, for example, Outdoor Pursuit Instructor leading a deep water activity session.

Progressive

Everyone starts with the foundation **Water Safety Awareness** award (a Self Study Unit followed by a half day Guided Learning Unit) and may then move onto a range of **Environment Specific** awards (including River, Still Water and Beach), leading, where required, to **In Water Rescue Award**.

Programme Development

The NWSMP is as relevant to a School Teacher as it is to a member of the Emergency Services, Countryside Ranger, Construction worker or Outdoor Pursuit Instructor. The programme has been developed in close consultation with a number of key leading bodies.

RLSS UK is the leading provider of training and education in water safety, rescue, lifesaving, lifeguarding and life support skills in the UK and Ireland.

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"EPA are pleased to fully endorse the NWSMP. As employers of people in remote locations, with a high degree of responsibility for client safety, we are reassured that our staff have clear guidance about best water safety practice in a variety of environments. Great job! Well done RLSS UK!"

Alistair Cole - EPA

"I just wanted to let you know how thrilled I am that the RLSS UK have been so proactive in developing the Water Safety Management Programme..."

Shane Winsor
Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)

"I'm very pleased with the flexibility the NWSMP allows and now use it as standard water safety training for our Special Constables."

Sammy Spall
Force Lifesaving Officer
Devon & Cornwall Police

"...writing to congratulate you on a very forward thinking approach to helping people ensure that they are properly prepared to safeguard their pupils and clients from the hazards posed by water in its many forms..."

Eluned Roberts
Professional Development Manager
Institute for Outdoor Learning

"...the delivery was superb and included relevant information for all job profiles...every delegate has approached me to say what an enjoyable and informative day we had..."

Caroline Evans – Supervisor Community Safety Wardens
Rugby Borough Council

"The National Open Water Coaching Association are delighted to fully endorse the NWSMP. With the boom in open water swimming the programme helps ensure all NOWCA lakes are safe for swimmers."

Martin Allen - NOWCA