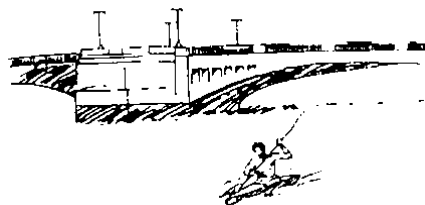


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Reading Canoe Club Changing Room Policy

This policy has been devised as part of our commitment to safeguarding for children (under 18) and adults following Paddle UK safeguarding guidance.

It is acknowledged that it is not unusual to get wet and cold during paddling activities, therefore it is important that members have the facilities to change after a session.

Reading Canoe Club has gender specific changing facilities each with a communal changing area and communal shower area. We do not have facilities to offer separate adult and children changing. Separate toilets are available.

Guidelines are as follows:

- Females and males will change in separate designated changing rooms.
- Due to existing facilities, the changing rooms are for mixed age use. Not everyone will be comfortable using mixed age changing rooms. Please speak to your Coach or a Welfare Officer if there are circumstances which need additional consideration.
- Changing in the accessible toilet is not permitted.
- Where possible, junior coaches will shower and change at a different time to their groups.
- Parents of under 8's are allowed to supervise their child (of the same sex) in the changing room.
- Where possible, there should not be a time when one adult is alone in the changing room with an under 18 present.
- Changing in the hall is prohibited. The hall is out of bounds for wet paddlers.
- The use of cameras and mobile phones or other recording devices is prohibited in the changing rooms.

Should there be any concerns, notify your coach, a committee member, or the Welfare team.

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