North Wales Technical Divers
Adverse Weather Policy V1.0
11 March 2025

Purpose

- To have agreed parameters for how to respond to severe adverse weather.

- To keep people safe by not increasing risk unacceptably.

- To protect members, the public and the emergency services.

- To mitigate the risks of weather-related disruptions.

Scope

All diving occurring at Dorothea Quarry or any other club organised diving at any site that may reasonably be negatively impacted by adverse weather.

Weather Warnings

The actions to take are based upon the Met Office Weather Warning levels:

Yellow Warning: You should check the details of the forecast and consider taking steps to minimise impacts for you and your household. Even in a yellow warning area, people will see disruption to a greater or lesser extent, so it's important to check the details and see which steps you could take to prepare. Members should factor this into any risk assessment for diving and the ability for emergency services to respond effectively.

Amber Warning: Disruption from an Amber warning is more likely and more widespread. You should change plans that could be impacted by the weather and take action to protect yourself and your property.

Members should factor this into any risk assessment for diving and the ability for emergency services to respond effectively. Members that continue to dive during an Amber Warning are encouraged to stay within No Decompression Limits.

Red Warning: These warnings are reserved for very dangerous weather with a high level of certainty. You should take direct action to keep yourself and others safe from impacts of the weather. It's likely there will be a risk to life, as well as substantial disruption to travel and infrastructure.

No diving is permitted at Dorothea Quarry if a Red Warning is in place for the site or its surrounding 10-mile radius.

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