

# **Easter Safety Warning**

## **Stay Vigilant About Public Safety and Be Security Aware!**

**With Easter holidays approaching MPA urges members to ensure that personnel at operational sites, offices and other relevant company facilities are primed and ready to act on the information below.**

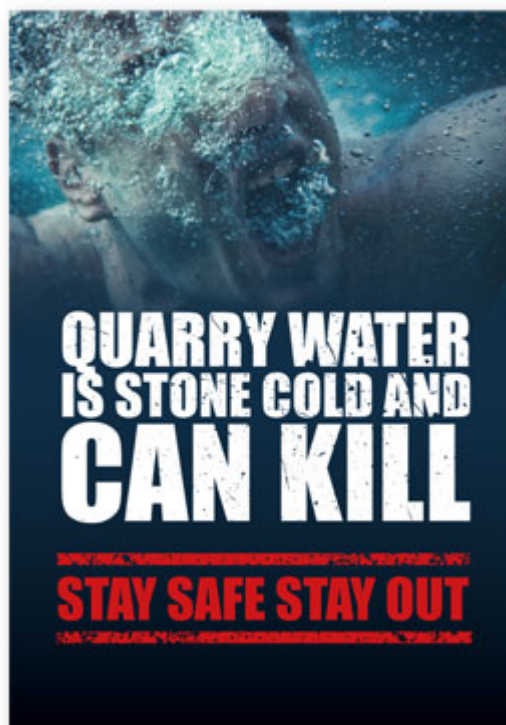
### **Stay Safe 2018**

**MPA urges all operators to check their fencing, signage, safety devices and security arrangements at both operational and non-operational sites prior to the start of the school Easter Holidays.**

Across the UK there are circa 5 fatalities per year in quarries involving members of the public, the majority of which are water related and occur in disused sites. These tragic statistics are a reminder of the importance of being vigilant at all sites your organisation is responsible for.

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

**New Guide on Inland Water Safety**



Within the next couple of months, a new guide on safety at inland water will be published by RoSPA. A number of organisations including MPA have been consulted in the preparation of this guide. It provides a summary of the legislation in relation to public safety and highlights good practice using case studies drawn from a range of different industry sectors responsible for management of inland water sites. It will provide a useful addition to the MPA's Guidelines on the Management of Public Safety [here](#).

## 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](http://www.gsbhealthandsafetysigns.co.uk)

Rainbow Signs - [www.uksafetystore.com](http://www.uksafetystore.com) and [www.rainbowsafety.co.uk](http://www.rainbowsafety.co.uk)

Signify Signs - [www.signifysigns.co.uk](http://www.signifysigns.co.uk)

## UK Drowning Prevention Strategy 2016 - 2026

MPA is supporting the UK Drowning Prevention Strategy, the overall objective of which is to achieve a 50% reduction in accidental drowning by 2026, saving over 200 lives per year. Please click [here](#) to view the **UK Drowning Prevention Strategy**. A wide range of organisations working in collaboration and local community safety plans will be key to the success of this strategy.

## Community Engagement

We will be working with other safety organisations to ensure consistent messaging and mutually complementary public safety campaigning. Particular emphasis will be placed on raising awareness of the dangers associated with swimming and other water related activities. MPA will be supporting campaigns lead by organisations such as the RNLI, RLSS and the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC). The first of these is the NFCC's Drowning Prevention and Water Safety Week commencing on the 23rd April. Please add your support by sharing the safety messages with your employees and using social media to further promote these campaigns. MPA will provide you with advance information about these campaigns.

Members are urged to contact local schools and youth groups to plan summer term safety visits. For more information on the resources to support members with their community engagement please view the MPA website [www.mineralproducts.org](http://www.mineralproducts.org) or contact Elizabeth Clements, tel: 020 7963 8000.

Please also do not forget the Stay Safe video is viewable on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkRzpvPVdds> and the Facebook page Stay Safe Stay Out of

Quarrie <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.

For further information

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## Security Awareness

In these times of heightened threat, and with warmer weather and lighter evenings approaching, MPA has been asked to highlight the latest campaign launched by the National Counter Terrorism Policing under the UK Protect ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) banner. The campaign is designed to encourage the public to report any suspicions about potential attack planning and is seeking the support of the business community across the Great Britain to help defeat terrorism and save lives by reporting suspicious activity and behaviour to police via [www.gov.uk/ACT](http://www.gov.uk/ACT).

Additionally, MPA will be circulating a toolkit for this campaign to relevant committee members so they can deploy the information within their businesses.

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Register on the MPA members' site at <http://members.mineralproducts.org> by filling out the on-screen form. You will then be sent a validation email for access to a wealth of information on the mineral products industry.

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