



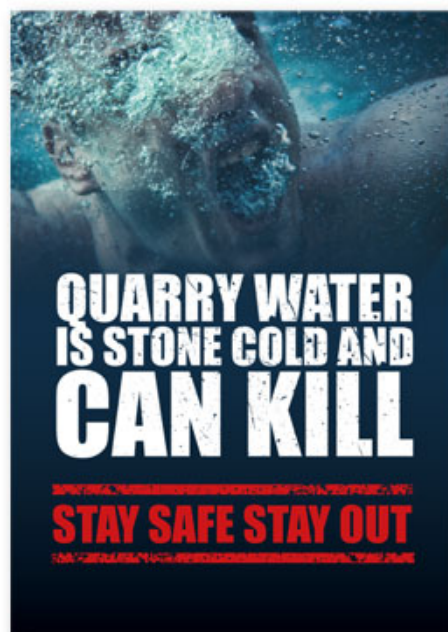
Stay Safe 2019 – Hot Weather Alert

The drowning of a 12 year old girl in the River Irwell, Greater Manchester, together with two men in their 20s being pulled from the sea off Torquay in the last 24 hours, has caused Police to warn of the dangers of playing or swimming in rivers, lakes and reservoirs.

With high temperatures forecast this weekend, 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.

Eight members of the public drowned in quarry lakes last year, seven of which were in disused sites not in industry ownership. Most of these deaths occurred during periods of warm weather.



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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