



Hazard	Person(s) at risk	Potential consequences	Control measures to take	Likelihood L,M,H	Severity L,M,H	Overall Risk Rating	Further recommendations
Slippery banks, paths	Angler	Fall Injuries	Wear the appropriate footwear, consider studs in boots, and be particularly careful in wet or icy conditions	Medium	High	High	Always carry a mobile phone while fishing. If conditions are too hazardous stay at home
Falling into Lake	Angler	Drowning	Wear appropriate footwear especially in wet/icy conditions. Take extra care near the edge of the bank	Low	High	Medium	Avoid waters edge, asses for any trip hazards
Wading	Angler	Drowning	Wading is banned on Abbey Meads	N/A	N/A	N/A	Wading is a considerable risk to the angler – hence the ban on the lake
Weils disease (leptospirosis)	Angler	Serious illness which can be fatal	Wash hands frequently, cover cuts with waterproof plasters	Low	High	Medium	Carry antiseptic wipes and maintain good hygiene
Tick bites	Angler	Can cause Lyme disease – which in rare cases can be fatal	Wear long sleeves/long trousers	Low	Medium	Low	If you think you have been bitten by a tick, or get the classic “bullseye” rash see a doctor immediately
Trees/falling branches	Angler	Danger of falling branch tree causing potential fatal injuries	Avoid fishing directly under trees, be aware of the weather conditions (avoid trees in windy weather) Avoid walking/fishing under dead or dying trees	Low	High	Medium	Report any potentially dangerous trees to Tony, Peter or Simon. Carry out personal risk assessment before fishing
Casting heavy weights	Other angler and passers by	Heavy weights can injure others	Ensure proper line strength for weight, be aware not to cast towards other people	Low	Medium	Low	Ensure tackle is checked, check line for any damage

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Hook penetrating skin	Angler	Hook piercing skin	Be careful when casting, tying hooks and unhooking fish	Low	Low	Low	Barbless or micro barb hooks reduce the risks. Carry wire cutters
Fences and Gates	Angler	Getting fingers caught/trapped in gates. Unstable fencing	Be careful when opening and closing gates/locks.	Low	Low	Low	Report any issues to Tony, Peter or Simon/bailiffs
Parking, exiting and leaving the fishery, general driving around fishery	Angler the members of the public	Risk to yourself and members of the public being hit by a vehicle	Use dedicated parking/carparks. Observe the 5mph speed limit on site.	Low	High	Medium	Ensure you are road, traffic and pedestrian aware
Insects such as horse flies, wasps and bees	Angler	Stings/bites	Avoid insects and notable nests. Cover up bare skin.	Low	Low	Low	Carry antihistamine/insect repellent. If you suffer from anaphylaxis, you must carry your epi pen at all times
Plants – eg giant hog weed, nettles, brambles	Angler	Blisters. stings	Avoid contact, report any giant hogweed to Tony, Simon or Peter	Low	Medium	Low	Regular maintenance by club officials
Weather – extreme heat or cold	Angler	Risk of heat stroke or hypothermia	Make sure you carry plenty of water and avoid the sun in summer, in winter have appropriate clothing.	Low	High	Medium	Be aware of weather conditions

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Fishing alone	Angler	Sudden sickness or injury	Always carry a mobile phone and let someone know where you	Low	Medium	Low	Fishing with or near another member is recommended
Use of power tools (eg brushcutters, strimmers, sharp tools)	Angler/contractor/officials	Hazards from tools and falling branches/flying debris	Only bailiffs and officials or contractors are allowed to carry out any works to the lake	Low	High	Medium	Stay away from any works in progress – do not carry out any maintenance yourself
Animals (Dogs, Swans, Foxes etc)	Angler	Risk of bites, swans can be aggressive when protecting young	Dogs should be on leads at all times and under control. Avoid other wildlife – and maintain safe distance	Low	Medium	Low	Any injury seek medical attention urgently if severe – if from a wild animal seek medical advice regardless
Bailiffs	Bailiffs	Risk of violence or injury	Try and work in pairs if appropriate. Carry a mobile phone at all times – do not put yourself at risk, contact the police if you are in doubt or danger	Medium	Medium	Medium	Attend necessary training and bailiff meetings – report anything serious to Tony, Peter and Simon/bailiffs
Water pollution	Angler	Poisoning/illness from the pollution	Wash hands after contact with water, cover any cuts	Low	Low	Low	Report any suspected incidents to Tony, Peter or Simon/bailiffs
Snagged tackle	Angler	Injury/piercing	Avoid Excessive pressure if snagged to avoid tackle flying back	Low	Medium	Low	Report any snagged tackle/trailing line to Tony, Peter or Simon/bailiffs
Boats	Bailiffs	Drowning	Only bailiffs/owners are permitted to use boats – life jackets must be worn at all times	Low	High	Medium	Report anyone unauthorised using a boat to Tony, Peter, Simon/bailiffs

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Manual handling	Angler	Aches. Strains, pulled muscles or more serious injuries	Do not lift excessive weights, keep within your own physical capabilities. Avoid anything that may exacerbate existing injuries	Low	Medium	Low	Get help if required, consider manual handling course
Young people or vulnerable adults	Vulnerable adults or under 18s	General safeguarding	Under Abbey Meads rules under 18s must be accompanied and with a parent or guardian at all times. They cannot wander off and are your responsibility. Vulnerable adults to be accompanied by carer or fishing buddy	Low	Medium	Low	Vulnerable adults to advise Tony, Simon or Peter of any special needs and reasonable adjustments to be considered
Power lines/pylons	Angler	Electrocution	Take extra care near powerlines/pylons, do not cast over or near powerlines	Low	High	Medium	Carry a mobile with you at all times to contact emergency services

Overall risk rating table – High Severity is potential risk of death, Medium serious injury, Low minor injury. Likelihood is a qualitative assessment.

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LOW	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW

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