

Risks

Control Measures

- **Injuries to Hands/Fingers from Cable or Winch** – Wear gloves at all times when handling cables (inclusive of Plasma rope). Use finger saver/guide when pulling cable out or layering back on winch drum to maintain safe distance between hands and winch fairlead.
- **Breaking Winch Cables/Ropes** Wire cables banned after Jan 2015. Winchman to shout warning of “Winching” before commencing winch operation to warn any marshals/bystanders. Marshals and/or winch operators should stop any winch operation if any bystander encroaches within a safe distance until such time as it is safe to proceed. Course set-up should, wherever possible exclude any long winch descents which may cause excessive overheating of some winches with drums fitted with synthetic rope.
- **Vehicle Fires** – All vehicles must carry a functioning fire extinguisher suitable for use on electrical & fuel fires. Static and mobile fire points to be at all events.
- **Camp Fires** (overnight camping weekends & 2 day events) – No campfires should be lit without prior permission from the Landowner. Fires are only to be lit in designated areas as instructed by club organisers. Fire Extinguishers will be available on site at designated area. At shows and functions use a suitable vessel to contain fire and keep off the ground.
- **Minor Injuries** – All vehicles must carry a basic First Aid kit. First aider (minimum training to First Aid at Work 3 day course level) will be present at all events. Paramedic to be on site for any event involving a speed (timed) element
- **More Serious Injuries** – For larger events or those with any timed/speed element at least one trained First Aider (trained to paramedic level) will be present on site. A more substantial first aid kit and mobile phone shall be available on site. A National Grid Reference will be available to help guide in emergency services if required for the site.
- **Vehicle Roll Overs** – Seat belts to be worn by all when vehicles in motion. Roll over protection. Minimum hardtop on vehicles (standard). Mod-Roll over protection. Soft-top – hard roof panel above cab and minimum roll bar. Helmets to be worn by all competitors for all competitive events.
- **Vehicle Condition/Worthiness to Compete** – All vehicles must be taxed and MOT'd. Scrutinised by competent person using scrutineering tick sheet. Refer to qualified mechanic as required. (Refer to list of qualified club members).
- **Site Specific Risks** – Inform at drivers' meeting. Tape off/marshal as necessary.
- **Safe Storage and Minimum Kit List** – Checks at scrutineering.

- **Vehicle Collision** – Blanket speed limits on site. Give priority to vehicles descending hills, reversing or competing on a Special Stage. Keep one way travel and one vehicle per stage unless additional marshals with suitable comms can be provided at key points to warn or stop vehicles if required.
- **Control of Vehicles on Site** – Maximum number of vehicles. No spectators vehicles allowed on site. Blanket speed limit.
- **Highways Access to Sites** – Provide clear signage for competitors and other road users to comply with streetworks code of practice.
- **Public Access/Footpaths** – Ask landowner if any Rights of Way. Check OS mapping and liaise with Local or County Council footpaths. Post warning signs/tape accordingly. Inform competitors at drivers' meeting.
- **Identity/Visibility of Marshals** – All marshals to wear Challenge South West high visibility vests.
- **Visibility of competitors at night** – if running night stages, all competitors are to wear high visibility vests at all times if more than one vehicle is to be running on a stage at any one time.
- **Spectators' safety** Erect warning sign at entrance warning of dangers of motor sports and winching. Spectators not allowed within taped off areas on stages or punch areas. Marshals to watch for spectator encroachment and drivers to stop if spectators are within a danger zone.
- **O/H Underground Services** – Ask landowner of any known underground services. Avoid use of ground anchors in such areas. No winching off any O/H service poles. Tape off areas of danger and inform at drivers Meeting.
- **Ecological and Environmental issues** – Plastic sheet or oil absorbent pads should be available for vehicle repairs. Check for and avoid any or sensitive areas or habitats e.g. badger sets. Only use water features if it is unlinked or the outfall can be controlled or goes into a settlement pond. A pollution kit will be available on site if the course crosses/enters a watercourse. Check weirs will be installed to prevent silt/suspended solids causing problems to downstream users. Be aware of noise pollution, which may affect local residents properties. Provide toilets and rubbish bins for campsites for two-day events.
- **Alcohol and Drugs** – The use of banned substances is prohibited before, during and at any point (ie camping/social meetings) during any club meet or event. Such abuse may lead to expulsion from the event with possible exclusion from the club. Random alcohol testing will be used the morning after any social evening event and may also be carried out during an event. No person will be allowed to continue competing if they should fail such a test until such time they can pass a re-test. Alcohol abuse during an event may lead to expulsion from the event with possible exclusion from the club.