



Ringling Platform Safety Policy

All Saints' Church, Walsoken

Please refer to Church document H&S_Doc_001 for all General Health & Safety requirements

Specific Policy

This Health & Safety (H&S) sub-policy controls ringing safety on the ringing platform at church.

Bell ringing is a relatively hazardous activity at All Saints' Church, Walsoken. This policy sets out the safety expectations of those ringers that are routinely on the ringing platform to ring.

Reference Documents

The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974

Procedure

General Safety.

Walsoken bells are maintained and are in good working order. Usual tower safety is required so that ringing at Walsoken is safe. We council against using ringing boxes when ringing on the rail side of the ringing platform when the ringer's hips will become higher than the top of the rail. Fire safety instructions are posted. Please note that access to the ringing platform is by a spiral staircase with some uneven steps.

Tower Ringing Etiquette and Safety

- 1) Never ring alone unless you are an expert.
- 2) Don't touch a rope unless you know it is safe.
- 3) Do not move around while ringing is in progress.
- 4) Keep both feet on the floor when seated.
- 5) Keep quiet while others are ringing.
- 6) Don't ring unless invited to do so.
- 7) If you are unsure, then please ask.
- 8) If you would like someone standing with you when you ring, then say so.
- 9) Remember that this is a place of worship.

Supervision

- 1) All ringing activities will be carried out under the supervision of the Tower Captain or designated competent representative.
- 2) Any bell rung up wrong, will be rung down and repeated correctly.
- 3) A tower log will be kept of attendees and activities.
- 4) A first aid set will be available.

Bells Up

- 1) Walsoken bells will only be left up for short periods. When left up there will be signs attached to the ropes.
- 2) Bell must never be up if contractors are working above ringing platform height.

Forms

None

Diagrams

None

Appendices

None

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