

**FRIENDS OF M.V. FREEDOM  
CHARITY NUMBER 283955**

**WORKING AT HEIGHTS**

**9. WORKING AT HEIGHT AND FIRE SAFETY**

- 9.1 The Work at Height Regulations 2005 (as amended) are obligatory and must be fully complied with, not only to minimise the risk of injury, but in order to protect everyone from personal financial liability in the event of a claim following an accident, or even criminal liability; also
- 9.2 Fire safety legislation does apply to charities premises (see <http://www.communities.gov.uk/fire/firesafety/firesafetylaw/>) and fire risk assessments must be to be carried out in accordance with Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) order 2005. The Trustees should consult their local Fire Brigade if advice is required.
- 9.3 The Hon.Secretary is responsible for H&S and fire safety policy on MV Freedom. Each individual skipper will have responsibility for H & S matters whilst in charge of the vessels active operations.
- PROCEDURES:-**
- 9.4 The Trustees will appoint an H&S officer (HSO) to assist with local health and safety arrangements, including training. The charity must retain a set of H&S Instructions, which will be reviewed annually by the HSO. The instructions must be signed annually by all trustees, skippers and crew, and contain risk assessments and arrangements regarding:
- Responsibilities
  - Procedures
  - Training
  - Reporting
  - First Aid.
- 9.5 In addition, an accident book is maintained on MV Freedom, whilst having regard to the protection of personal information.

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