

## Preferred Code of Practice – Beach Safety

### Beach/Leisure facilities

- If the beach is directly accessed from the property, the following items must be explained to the customers:
  - The flag warning system.
  - The buoyed zoning system.
  - The life-guarding/supervision regime (including hours and dates of operation).
- Safety warning signs regarding the beach rules and regulations must be sited in prominent locations.
- Public rescue equipment should be provided on beach locations.

### Watersports

- If the watersport activities are under the direct control of the hotel or the activities are operated by the hotel in conjunction with a third party supplier, public liability insurance must be provided to cover all of the activities available. A copy of the policy must be issued to the tour operators.
- The following information must be recorded before the customers take part in any watersport activity:
  - Personal Details (name, accommodation, room number).
  - Swimming ability.
  - Medical conditions (if appropriate).
- The following information must be explained to the customers:
  - Buoyancy aid rules (i.e. they must be worn).
  - Craft induction (rules of operation/safety instructions).
  - Zoning scheme (the areas they are allowed to go whilst using the craft).
  - Emergency procedures (including how to attract attention).
  - Recall signal(s).
- The watersport equipment and machinery must be regularly checked, maintained in full working order and kept clean. Documentary evidence of the cleaning programmes and maintenance checks must be retained.
- The competency level of customers who advise that they are of an intermediate or advanced level must be tested. Customers must demonstrate their competency levels prior to commencing the activity.
- Instruction must be provided for beginners.

