

Safety Notice - Unauthorised Vehicle on Site

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All.

There was a minor incident earlier this week where two individuals (in vehicles), claiming to be United Utilities security contractors arrived on one of our sites. They had realistic photo ID badges, claiming they had authority to be there when challenged, and didn't leave site at the completion of the Watersports session.

NB - it transpires these individuals were not approved contractors, and probably thieves looking to gain access to buildings, they were subsequently escorted off site by United Utilities staff.

With the rise of more sophisticated thefts we must ensure the venue access gates are kept closed and/or locked whilst on site and again fully locked when you leave the site at the end of your session.

If required I ask you have a volunteer manning the gate entrance for the few minutes while your Young People arrive (and drivers leave) and then secure the gate at that point. This may cause other access problems e.g. by late arrivals etc, so please speak to me if it's a problem and i'll try and resolve.

In the event of strangers managing to drive on site [make sure gates are still locked] ask them politely to leave and if they refuse do not confront them call me and I'll speak to the police and let United Utilities know.

If vehicle(s) are still on site when you want to leave, take a picture of their number of the car/plate avoiding confrontation, and lock the gate on your way out.

We will be updating our venue Procedures to reflect this instruction so ideas please.

Cheers

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