

Beach Equipment - Terms & Conditions of Use

1. The responsibility lies with the member to satisfy his/her self that the equipment meets their need before proceeding to use.
2. Equipment users must be members of the Mae Murray Foundation or Overseas Visitors who have completed a Visitor Equipment Temporary Registration Form. All data will be held in accordance with Data Protection Policy and GDPR.
3. Equipment can be reserved in advance ONLY by members after the membership process has been completed. Membership is free and valid for a minimum of one year.
4. Membership Forms can be completed online at www.maemurrayfoundation.org Please note: this is NOT an equipment booking form. Further membership questions should be directed to info@maemurrayfoundation.org Mon-Fri 10am-4pm.
5. Members can then request to book beach equipment, subject to availability, by completing an online form at www.maemurrayfoundation.org
6. Equipment can only be requested a maximum of two weeks in advance and cannot be requested online less than 48 hours in advance. **Booking requests are only read Mon-Fri 10am and 4pm so please allow response time.**
7. Your booking is not confirmed until you receive a booking confirmation.
8. Time slots are two hours in length.
9. Bookable slot start times are as follows and updated on the Mae Murray Foundation website
 - a. 5 May – 30 June: Weekends only – All chairs 1100, 1315, 1530. Life guard are on duty everyweekend in June
 - b. Jul/Aug daily – All chairs 1100,1315,1530.
 - c. 1 - 2 Sept Daily – All chairs 1100,1315,1530.
 - d. 8 - 30 Sept – Weekends only- All chairs 1100,1315, 1530.
 - e. Other months and times upon request – land based equipment only (not mobi chairs), request preferred date and time a minimum of 7 days prior.
 - f. Mobi-matting will be deployed at discretion of council staff.
 - g. Mobi-matting can be deployed upon advance request, if safe to do so, at other times by emailing info@maemurrayfoundation.org giving at least two weeks notice.
10. Handover of equipment is at the discretion of council staff.
11. Floating chairs can only be used when RNLI lifeguard is on duty within the RNLI lifeguard safe yellow/red flagged patrol area, which can be pointed out by council staff upon request. Extreme care must be taken. It is compulsory to watch the online water safety video before use. STRAPS MUST BE UNDONE AND SECURED OUT OF HARMS WAY BEFORE ENTERING THE WATER. PULL STRAP SHOULD BE UNCLIPPED AND PLACED IN VELCRO POUCH ON REAR OF CHAIR. **You must**

have a minimum of two adult helpers with you to ensure safe positioning is maintained. Please be aware of current sea conditions and understand that these can change at any time. Do not enter the water if it is not calm. RNLI guidance takes precedence at all times.

12. Equipment **MUST** be returned at the allotted time to avoid disappointing other equipment users. Failure to do so may result in the future refusal of advance equipment booking.
13. ID and £25 deposit must be presented at Benone Visitor Complex upon arrival.
14. Deposit will be refunded upon safe return of equipment.
15. Terms & Conditions Consent forms must be signed before handover of equipment.
16. Council staff on duty cannot assist you with any lifting or handling or transfer requirements and cannot assess suitability of equipment for need. Council staff cannot adjust equipment. If unsure which equipment may suit your need, please enquire with Mae Murray Foundation about attending an MMF equipment demonstration day before use.
17. Personal equipment can be stored but council cannot be held liable for loss or damage.
18. Straps should be secured when using equipment on land. Positioning of straps is personal choice.
19. The beach wheelchairs should only be used on shore and in the shallows only (6" or 15cm depth).
20. Please note, buoyancy aids are essential and wetsuits are strongly recommended if entering water. If you do not have your own, then these can usually be hired from Longline Surf School by asking at the Sea Shed coffee shop. Sea is always cold – limit to short spells, particularly those who struggle to maintain body temperature.
21. You must provide someone who is fit enough to push chairs.
22. Secure footwear is recommended.
23. Please ensure you do not exceed the maximum weight restriction for individual pieces of equipment.
24. If your circumstances change and you can no longer attend, please ensure your booking is cancelled by emailing benone.complex@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk . Failure to attend at allocated time without notifying the Visitor Complex may result in the future refusal of advance equipment booking.

If at any time you have any problems or concerns with the beach wheelchair whilst it is in your care, please return immediately to the council beach staff base. If council beach staff are not present at the Ark, please call Benone Visitor Complex on 02877 750555

In the event of a medical emergency please contact emergency services.

For your further safety:

Please take care on the access points and be traffic aware at all times.

Take care on the beach, especially of rocks and uneven sand. Take normal precautions whilst out in the sun and wind.

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