

Port of Sunderland Marine Policy Statement

In the Port of Sunderland, we conduct our activities to take the foremost account of the safety of marine and land-based personnel, contractors, neighbours, visiting vessels, fishing community, leisure and other users of the River Wear and to give proper regard to the conservation of the natural environment.

In implementing this policy we will not only comply with all relevant national and international legislation but will also promote initiatives, which benefit health and safety, and the environment of all who may be affected by our activities and which safeguard the natural environment.

We adopt a systematic approach to health, safety and environmental management and strive for continuous improvement by setting targets against which we measure, appraise and report performance. Safety and environmental performance is included in the appraisal of all our personnel and is awarded accordingly.

All our long-term contractors and service providers who participate in marine operations have adopted this policy and they operate fully within our management system. We require other contractors and service providers to manage health, safety and the environment in line with this policy.

Safety

We believe that the majority of injuries can be prevented;
High standards of safety consciousness and discipline will be maintained;
We have designed and will maintain our activities to minimise risk to employees, contractors and third parties.

Environment

We are committed to protecting the natural environment;
We will promote environmental awareness and performance throughout the River Wear waterways;
We will strive to minimise hazards to the environment and maintain effective protection and recovery measures within the River wear and the Docks system.

Excellence in safety and environment management are key objectives at the Port of Sunderland. Improving safety and minimising damage to our environment will undoubtedly lead to enhanced efficiency and business success.

The Port of Sunderland's Marine Policy aims to demonstrate its commitment to the safe and responsible operation of our port and harbour by detailing areas of primary concern (which are based on the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code). Linked to this policy, the Port of Sunderland has prepared plans detailing the precise manner in which this policy is to be implemented. The Marine Policy can also be found on the port's web site.