

St Michael and All Angels

H&S Policy and Procedure

Slips, Trips and Falls

POLICY

The PCC is responsible for reducing as far as reasonably practical the risk of slips trips and falls at St Michael and All Angels.

INFORMATION

The footpaths in the Church graveyard are of tarmac construction.

All footpaths are level and flat with the exception of the entrance up to the Lychgate. This is on an incline. Handrails are located on both sides of its construction.

Access to graves is via the aforementioned footpaths and grass spaces within the Churchyard.

Underfoot passageways within the Church consist of Victorian tiles, carpet and concrete dependant where you are in the building.

The carpark within the Church graveyard is finished with loose 20mm stone.

Access into the Church via the main entrance beneath the porch is via a large step requiring visitors to step down into the Nave. When the Church is open a "Mind the Step" sign is available for displaying within the porch adjacent to the door.

PROCEDURE

1. In order to reduce as far as is reasonably practicable the risk of slips, trips and falls, an inspection shall be made of all floors and stairs in the Church, its porch and all footpaths in the Churchyard.
2. The inspection shall be routinely done by the Churchwardens, Vergers or a senior representative of the Church.
3. Any defects (e.g. broken underfoot conditions/dropped drainage covers), moss, algae and leaves on footpaths shall be reported to the Churchwardens.
4. The Churchwardens shall be responsible for ensuring any reported defects and or poor underfoot conditions are attended to and remedial action is taken.
5. At all times that the Church is open to allow access, the "Mind the Step" sign shall be positioned within the porch adjacent to the door.