



Mobile Phone & Electronic Device Policy

Horwich Leisure Centre Amateur Swimming Club (HLCASC) recognises that mobile phones, messaging apps, email and other digital tools are a normal part of everyday life for both young people and their parents. This policy sets out clear expectations for how these devices should be used in line with Swim England's updated guidance, released in January 2024 as part of the new Wavepower safeguarding framework [Wavepower](#)

Modern mobile devices play a huge role in daily communication and organisation. However, that does not mean they are suitable for every environment. Swim England's position is firm: changing rooms are not an appropriate place for mobile phone use during any Swim England-regulated activity. HLCASC fully supports this stance.

To help protect all members, mobile phones and similar devices must not be used in the changing rooms. Keeping devices stored safely in a bag and out of sight helps ensure that everyone feels comfortable and secure. We ask swimmers to wait until they leave the changing area before checking messages, making calls or using social media.

We acknowledge that there may be rare situations where a phone is needed—for example, in an emergency where calling for help is necessary. Common sense should be applied in these circumstances.

Misuse of mobile devices can cause significant distress to individuals and may affect their wellbeing and confidence. By following this policy, all members help us maintain a safe, respectful environment for every swimmer.