



WELTON WATERS ADVENTURE CENTRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Activity:		GIANT PADDLEBOARDS & FLOATING PLATFORMS		Location: ON SITE USING LAKE	
Hazard	Risk	Who	Risk Rating	Control Measure	Out Come
Arriving On Site	None	All	Medium	All participants MUST report to the main office upstairs on arrival to register. All participants MUST complete a booking form and MUST state any medical conditions and medication needed.	Low
First Aid Control	Accidents & Injuries	All	High	A First Aider MUST be on site at ALL times. First Aid kit MUST be available at ALL times containing foil blanket. Proximity of warm building. Accident procedure to be actioned, accident book MUST be completed and emergency procedure followed.	Low
Water	Drowning Hypothermia Illness	Users Staff	Medium	All participants MUST wear buoyancy aids at ALL times. All participants MUST be confident in water but not necessarily swimmers. Monitor water for any pollution. Suitably qualified staff with good group control. Safety boat must be available. Instructor to designate suitable and safe paddleboard area. Maximum wind speed for Giant Paddleboards 5 Bft/16-21 Knots.	Low
Carrying and Using Equipment	Personal Injury	Users Staff	Medium	Instructor must ensure that all participants are capable of carrying Giant Paddleboards (XLS's) or Platforms. Individuals to work in, at least, groups of four to move XLS's or platforms at ALL times. All participants MUST wear appropriate footwear and helmet at ALL times. Instruction on the correct and appropriate lifting technique. Visual inspection of equipment prior to start of session. Inflate if necessary. Instructor to brief group on inversion. NOTE: There MUST be at least one instructor on a Giant Paddleboard at ALL times. Giant Paddleboards and Platforms can be towed to position but NOT at high speed.	Low
Powerboat Operation	Injury	Staff	Medium	When a powerboat is being used as a teaching platform there MUST be a qualified Safety Boat driver onboard.	Low
Other Boards and Lake Users	Personal Injury	Users Staff	Low	Briefing of the group regarding appropriate behaviour at the start of water based activity. Instructor to observe group and other lake users whilst activity is taking place. The launch area must be kept clear at all times.	Low
Jetty's Pontoons and Slipways	Personal Injury	Users Staff	Low	Instructor MUST be aware of location of jetty's/pontoons in relation to group. Instructor to advise group of slippery surfaces and local trip hazards.	Low

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Exiting the water	Slips, Trips & Falls	All	Medium	Participants to be aware of signage regarding slippy slipways and ramp, wet floors etc. Participants to be aware of changes in surfaces i.e. concrete, wood, tiles etc. Slipways MUST be checked for debris.	Low
Weather	Hypothermia Sunstroke	Users Staff	Medium	Correct clothing MUST be worn for weather and water conditions i.e. wetsuits / drysuits at the instructors discretion. Proximity of warm building. Adequate protection from sun. In the event of thunder and/or lightning ALL participants MUST evacuate the water. Evacuation procedure is 3 blasts of a fog horn or whistle. No return to water until 30 mins. after last thunder and 45 mins. after last lightning .	Low
High Winds	Personal Injury	Users Staff	Medium	Sessions to only take place in appropriate conditions for ability and attitude of group.	Low
		Risk Assessment completed by: Print....Pete Blaney..... Sign.. 		Date of Risk Assessment: 15th March 2024 Risk Assessments to be continually revised	