



WELTON WATERS ADVENTURE CENTRE RISK ASSESSMENT

| Activity: RAFT BUILDING | | Location: ON SITE USING LAKE | | | |
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| 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 rafting area. | Low |
| Constructing Raft & Rafting Equipment | Personal Injury | Users Staff | Medium | Correct briefing of group at beginning of activity to minimise injury whilst building raft. Instruction on correct and appropriate lifting technique. Long and heavy items of equipment to be carried by at least two people. Equipment is to be placed down without any injury to any participant. All participants MUST wear helmets at ALL times. All participants and instructors MUST wear appropriate footwear at ALL times. | Low |
| Launch | Personal Injury | Users | Low | Correct briefing of group at beginning of activity to minimise injury whilst building raft. Instructor to advise group of slippy surfaces and local trip hazards. | Low |
| Entrapment | Personal Injury | Users Staff | Medium | Instructors to be vigilant at all times. Continual head counts. Safety equipment must be available - personal knife, whistle, throw line, boat hook. Instructors to follow appropriate rescue technique. Instructor MUST brief group on inversion. | Low |
| Other Rafts and Lake Users | Personal Injury | Users Staff | Low | Briefing of group regarding appropriate behaviour at start of water based activity. Instructor must observe ALL rafts and other lake users whilst activity is taking place. | Low |
| Rope and Barrels on Rafting Equipment | Personal Injury | Users | Medium | Briefing of group not to place hands or feet under rope or planks on raft as entrapment may occur. Instructor to brief group on how to board raft from land and water. Continual head counts. | Low |

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| Paddles | Personal Injury | Users Staff | Low | Briefing of group on safe paddling. | Low |
| Jetty's pontoons and Slipways | Personal Injury | Users | Low | Instructor must be aware of jetty's/pontoons in relation to group. Instructor to advise group of slippy surfaces and local trip hazards. | Low |
| 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: 1st October 2020 Risk Assessments to be continually revised | | |