



WELTON WATERS ADVENTURE CENTRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Activity: RAFT BUILDING		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 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 slippery surfaces and local trip hazards.	Low
Exiting the water	Slips, Trips & Falls	All	Medium	Participants to be aware of signage regarding slippery 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		