



**WELTON WATERS ADVENTURE CENTRE RISK ASSESSMENT**

Activity: <b>RAFTED CANOES</b>		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 paddling area.	Low
Carrying & Moving Equipment	Personal Injury	Users Staff	Medium	Instructor to ensure that participants are physically capable of moving canoes. A minimum of 4 people to move canoes. All participants MUST wear appropriate footwear at ALL times. Participants age 16 and under MUST wear a helmet at ALL times, helmets are optional for adults.	Low
Capsizing & Swamping	Personal Injury Drowning Hypothermia Entrapment	Users Staff	Medium	All canoes to be rafted together using an appropriate method. All participants must wear a buoyancy aid at ALL times	Low
Rafted Boats	Entrapment	Users	Low	Briefing to ensure participants do not place body parts between rafted canoes. Correct technique to be shown how to hold onto other canoes.	Low
Other Craft and Lake Users	Personal Injury	Users Staff	Low	Briefing of group regarding appropriate behaviour at start of water based activity. Instructor must observe group and other lake users whilst activity is taking place.	Low
Paddles	Personal Injury	Users Staff	Low	Briefing of group in correct and safe paddling technique.	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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Weather	Hypothermia Sunstroke	Users Staff	Medium	Correct clothing <b>MUST</b> be worn for weather and water conditions i.e. wetsuits at the instructors discretion. Proximity of warm building. Adequate protection from sun. In the event of thunder and/or lightning <b>ALL</b> participants <b>MUST</b> 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
		Risk Assessment completed by: Print....Pete Blaney..... Sign..  .....		Date of Risk Assessment: 15th March 2024  Risk Assessments to be continually revised	