



WELTON WATERS ADVENTURE CENTRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Activity: WINDSURFING		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 (for intermediate a harness can be used for buoyancy). 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 windsurfing area.	Low
Carrying and Using Equipment	Personal Injury	Users Staff	Medium	Instructor MUST ensure that ALL participants are capable of moving Windsurf boards. Individuals to work in a least two's to move Windsurf boards where appropriate. All participants MUST wear appropriate footwear at ALL times. Instruction on the correct and appropriate lifting technique. All participants age 16 and under MUST wear a helmet, adult beginners must wear a helmet until "Start Windsurfing" passed. Adults passed "Start Windsurfing" or above helmets are optional. Visual inspection of equipment prior to start of session.	Low
Using Simulator Equipment	Personal Injury	Users Staff	Medium	Instructors MUST ensure that ALL participants are shown the correct techniques for mounting and dismounting the simulator. When participants are using the simulator instructor MUST be in control at ALL times. All participants must wear appropriate footwear at ALL times. All participants age 16 and under MUST wear a helmet, adult beginners must wear a helmet until "Start Windsurfing" passed. Visual inspection of equipment prior to start of lesson.	Low
Simulator Area	Personal Injury	Users Staff	Low	Instructor MUST ensure that ALL participants observing are clear of the operating area when in use. Area MUST be clean and tidy before use.	Low
Slips, Trips and Falls	Personal Injury	Users Staff	Medium	Simulator must not be used unless instructor is present. Instructor to brief participants on potential for slips, trips and falls.	Low

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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
Entrapment	Personal Injury Drowning Hypothermia	Users Staff	Medium	Safety briefing must be given by instructor before going onto the water, when a harness is being used instructor to advise on entrapment. Centre safety boat staff trained in appropriate rescue techniques and equipment.	Low
Other Board 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 to be identified at start of session and 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
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		