

CANOE & KAYAK



Date of Assessment 23/1/15

	Casual factors, hazards, dangers	Risk management strategies, normal operation.	Site specific
People	Bad instruction and poor group management leading to panic, inappropriate and dangerous behaviour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefings, including health & safety and hazards, given before the activity. Instructors trained and experienced in group management skills. Staff trained in paddle sport coaching. 	Passage of canal boats-paddlers told to wait by the side until boat has gone past
	Minor injuries, cuts, grazes etc., Panic, hypothermia, possible drowning, and head injuries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrations given how to use equipment correctly. Buoyancy aids and helmets worn at all times. First aider made available. Indoor area available to keep warm and/or change 	
Equipment	Equipment lost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors to give clear instructions on safety and provide support throughout the activity. Instructor on hand at all times and prepared to make a rescue. Instructors carry slings, rope and first aid kit available in building. Instructors trained in boat/person rescue situations. 	

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	Protective equipment (buoyancy aids/helmets etc.) failing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buoyancy aids checked prior to the activity and worn throughout the activity. • Any insufficient equipment will be removed by the instructor. 	
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Environment	Water temperature. Water volume. Erosion of area.]. Non-exit areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors familiar with venue, clients briefed. • Ensure clients in appropriate clothing. • Warm indoor area available. 	People to be advised of weather and its effects, if people struggle to get back to jetty a tow line can be used
	Bad weather. Strong winds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather forecast checked for area in which activity is taking place. • Wind direction noted and monitored. • All capsizes are acted upon quickly by way of clear instructions, throw line or safety boat. • If weather changes for the worse instructors will make appropriate decisions based on the group's safety being paramount. 	

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