

RAFT BUILDING

Date of Assessment 23/1/15

	Casual factors, hazards, dangers	Risk management strategies, normal operation.	Site specifics
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. Instructors suitably qualified in rescue techniques. 	This space is to be completed on the day of the activity, identifying any specific dangers, changes since the last visit and/or difficulties/risks that will need to be assessed before, during and after the session.
	Minor injuries, cuts, grazes etc., Panic, hypothermia, possible drowning, and blow to head with wooden beam and/or barrel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrations given how to use equipment. Buoyancy aids and helmets worn at all times, even when building the rafts. Instructors are first aid trained. 	
Equipment	Poorly kept equipment. Disintegration of raft, Entrapment by rope.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment checked regularly, and also before and after the activity. Safety boat on hand should raft come apart. Instructors to give clear instructions on making safe rafts and support throughout the activity. Instructor to carry rescue equipment and cutting tool. 	.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throw line available. 	
	Protective equipment (buoyancy aids/helmets etc.) failing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buoyancy aids and helmets checked prior to the activity for an experienced instructor and worn throughout the activity. • Any insufficient equipment will be removed by the instructor. 	

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Environment	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. 	
	Venue not appropriate for activity. Risks not monitored. Flooding. Capsize, swamping, swept away.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All activity sites have been checked and risk assessed prior to activity taking place, making sure they safe and appropriate for the group involved. 	

REVIEW DATE 23/1/16