

## RISK ASSESSMENT

**Activity : Kayaking / Canoeing**

**Venue : Millerground & Bowness, Windermere**

**Assessor : Barry Curley**

**Assessment Date : 23 August 2019**

**Review Date : 22 August 2022**

HAZARD	RISK	PEOPLE AT RISK	LIKELYHOOD	CONSEQUENCE	CONTROL MEASURES
<b>Weather</b>	Exposure to strong winds, cold, rain, etc. Hypothermia / Hyperthermia	Entire Group Individuals	High Medium	Medium - High Medium - High	Leader to check weather conditions before planning activities Ongoing assessment of conditions and group dressed appropriately. Group shelter & spare clothing to be carried Ongoing assessment of conditions and flexibility in delivery of activity as required
	Change in conditions (may be rapid) such as off-shore winds	Entire Group	Low - Medium	Medium	
	<b>Environment</b>	Drowning	Individual	Low	
Injury due to Slips, Trips and Falls	Entire Group	Low – Medium	Low - High		
Injury due to collision with vehicles	Entire Group	Medium	Medium - High		
Injury due to Local wildlife	Entire Group	Low	Low - Medium		
Illness due to Insect bites	Entire Group	Low	Low - Medium		
Illness due to dehydration	Entire Group	Low - Medium	Medium		

<b>Equipment</b>	Injury from poor manual handling	Entire Group	Medium	Medium - High	Clear briefings. Good warm-up routines. At least 4 children to lift canoe, 2 per kayak. Loads broken down and relayed from vehicle to boats All equipment to be checked by Leader prior to use. Ongoing checks during activity
	Injury due to poor / faulty equipment	Entire Group	Low	Low - High	
<b>People</b>	Separation of group	Entire Group	Low	Low	Clear briefings, good group management, familiarity with "Split Group" SOP's
	Behaviour of other paddling groups	Entire Group	Low	Medium - High	Clear briefings, planning, group control and avoidance measures
	Collision with other boat or water users	Entire Group	Low	Medium - High	Clear briefings, use collision avoidance protocols
<b>Transport</b>	Injury due to unsafe vehicle	Entire Group / Public	Low	Medium - High	Check vehicle status before journey
	Injury due to failure of or by trailer	Entire Group / Public	Low	Medium - High	Check trailer status before journey
	Injury due to shed load	Entire Group / Public	Low	Medium - High	Leader to check loading / security of load in vehicle and on trailer

This Risk Assessment Form records an assessment of perceived hazards, their potential impact and the steps taken to mitigate them and is relevant to the stated activity and venue at the time the assessment was made. Ongoing assessment of perceived hazards will be made during the activity and the Activity Leader is empowered and expected to take whatever actions deemed necessary to reduce any risk arising from such hazards.