

Waddow Hall - Risk Assessment

Activity: Rafting

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Activity	Hazard / Danger	Severity: High Medium Low	Likelihood : Very Likely Fairly Likely Possible Unlikely Very Unlikely	Control measures	Risk assessment after Control measures: High Medium Low	Review date
Lifting or dropping heavy equipment	Injury to self/others	High	Possible	Participants briefed on correct and safe lifting procedures. Supervised by instructor	Low	Jan 2010
Fall off raft into water	Injury or Drowning Risk of water born diseases	High	Very unlikely	Buoyancy aids and helmets worn on and near water. Safety line to raft. Qualified instructor on the water in a kayak. Groups advised about water borne diseases and showers/wash after activity. Buoyancy aids and helmets washed.	Low	Jan 2010
Fall into cold water or carry out activity in cold weather	Hypothermia	High	Unlikely	Suitable clothing must be brought/used on the session. Session Cancelled	Low	Jan 2010
Entrapment between poles/rope/barrels in case of raft breaking up/sinking	Injuries associated with entrapment or drowning or hypothermia	High	Possible	Participants are fully briefed on not placing themselves in a position where they could/would entrap. Instructor is trained and on the water in a suitable craft.	Low	Jan 2010
Faulty equipment	Injury or Drowning	High	Very unlikely	Equipment checks before and after activity. Plus 3 monthly kit checks	Low	Jan 2010
River level high and rafting precarious. Adverse weather conditions.	Injury or Drowning	High	Very unlikely	Instructor and Senior Instructor assesses water level/pace and cancels activity if unsafe	Low	Jan 2010
Water pollution	Disease and poisoning	High	Very unlikely	Rafting cancelled	Low	Jan 2010

Raft floats over the weir	Injury or Drowning	High	Unlikely	Safety line attached to bank and raft. Session cancelled if river to high/weather conditions to dangerous.	Low	Jan 2010
Swans attack craft	Injury	High	Very unlikely	Rafting cancelled if swans on river or threaten attack	Low	Jan 2010
Personal safety whilst on the water	Injury to head	High	Possible	Anyone entering the water; including participants, staff, group leaders, must wear helmet correctly whilst the session is in progress	Low	Jan 2010