

Nuneaton District Scouts, 5 Ways Lakes, Risk Assessment for Kayaking and Canoeing

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Hazard	Likelihood of Risks	Control Measures	Remaining Risk
Drowning	Very Likely Fatal	Buoyancy aids worn and correctly fitted Appropriate Group/Leader ratio for environment. Competent group supervision and management Participants water confidence known	Low
Hypothermia	Very likely Fatal	Appropriate clothing worn for expected conditions. Awareness of participant's condition throughout activity. Appropriate emergency equipment readily available.	Low
Moving and Handling boats and Equipment	Very likely Serious	Use sufficient people to share the load when moving boats or Equipment. Coaching and use of good lifting techniques, to protect from Injury. Co-ordinated the loading unloading trailers/racks. Care to be exercised when emptying swamped boats. Instructor to check boats have sufficient buoyancy fitted.	Low
Sharp objects on access and Egress areas	Likely Minor	Footwear worn at all times. Prior to use, areas checked for hazardous sharp objects.	Low
Entrapments In boats, vegetation	Likely Serious	Avoid identified vegetation. Boats correctly fitted to participants. Fittings in boats secure. Participants coached on getting in and out of boats. Participants briefed on hazards of vegetation.	Low
Adverse Weather Conditions	Likely Serious	Weather forecasts interpreted, and likely conditions assessed. Continual dynamic risk assessment required during session.	Low
Infection from Waterborne diseases	Possible Serious	Water quality to be assessed visually prior to session. Cover all cuts and abrasions. Wash hands before eating food. Rinse all wetsuits, dry thoroughly. Shower after activity.	Low
Collisions with Fishermen, Swimmers, Geese, Ducks Other craft and other water users	Possibly Serious	Operations of other users on site should be identified and Assessed. If risks to other water users from our activities are identified, Our activity will be modified. Discussions with other users are useful to reduce any conflict And risks.	Low