

# RISK ASSESSMENT

What are the hazards?	Generic Control Measures implemented	✓ X	Person to implement	Additional Control measures needed to reduce risk to an acceptable level	Person to implement	Date to be actioned
<p><b>Competency</b></p> <p><b>Possible exposure to contaminated water leading to “Weils” disease (leptospirosis)</b></p> <p><b>Falling in the water/drowning</b></p> <p><b>Tripping over and falling</b></p>	<p>WH staff induction into the activities and been through the internal sign of process.</p> <p>Verbal warning of dangers of pond water at start of activity.</p> <p>Warn not to touch face or put fingers in mouths whilst dipping.</p> <p>Cover open cuts with micropore tape/plaster or wear gloves during the activity.</p> <p>No eating or drinking whilst on activity</p> <p>Groups should be encouraged to wash their hands after sessions, to reduce the likelihood of contracting the disease</p> <p>Clear boundaries to be set before entering the pond area.</p> <p>Ensure participants only dip from the platform, and that the platform is not overcrowded</p> <p>All children must be sat down or kneeling while dipping to reduce risk of falling in the water.</p> <p>Water depth is about 1 metre</p> <p>Equipment set up neatly, away from water’s edge and where people will walk to reduce trip hazards.</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>Person to implement</p>	<p>Monitoring of Staff Re-induction Training days Incidents recorded &amp; reviewed Safety culture of sharing &amp; openness encouraged</p> <p>Report and record any incidents of individuals falling ill after a pond dipping session</p> <p>Instructors to remind staff members of risks, and to encourage reporting of any illness</p> <p>Up to date information about risks, symptoms and prevention regularly disseminated between WH staff</p> <p>See Pond dipping operating procedure</p> <p>Visiting staff to be asked to help enforce boundaries</p> <p>Record any near misses or incidents</p> <p>Ice or other slip hazards such as algae to be cleared from platform at regular intervals throughout the year.</p> <p>Any participants with severe balance or coordination issues to have one-to-one support during session</p> <p>Have designated areas for equipment to be placed while dipping</p>	<p>Person to implement</p>	<p>Date to be actioned</p>

<p><b>Injury caused by equipment</b></p> <p><b>Illness</b></p>	<p>No running whilst in pond area</p> <p>Encourage sensible behaviour</p> <p>Explain risks and hazards to the group prior to entering pond area</p> <p>Any additional trip hazards removed (such as fallen tree branches)</p> <p>Demonstrate correct use of long handled nets. Explain importance of checking who is around you before moving around with net, to reduce risk of hitting anyone with the long handle</p> <p>Information about existing medical conditions known by staff. Parental consent &amp; medical forms</p>			<p>Record any near misses</p> <p>Use appropriate sized equipment for the participants involved</p> <p>Check medication that may need to be accessed immediately is carried on the activity e.g. inhaler/Epi-pen</p>		
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