## 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
Competency	Instructors must hold a relevant governing Body Award or been through the internal sign off process - site specific.  Staff to have a valid first aid qualification.  They must be aware and comply with the centre operating procedures and RA			Regular refreshers and monitoring  Monitoring of Staff  All near misses and or accidents are recorded and reported. Safety Culture of openness and sharing is fostered.		
Slip/fall/injuries	Student briefing. Appropriate footwear & Clothing. Close supervision of students whilst building raft and moving it to and from water.			Helmets to be worn during building and paddling		
Danger of entrapment.	Check construction and knots before launch.			Instructor to carry a (concealed) knife and throwline.  Students closely monitored to make sure they are not caught in ropes or underneath raft  A safety craft to be on the water.  Head count if the raft capsizes or sinks		
Weather/cold water	Appropriate clothing, weather protection. Forecasts. Safety Equipment. Safety boat where necessary			Activity to not commence if Thunder / Lightening is forecast and / or observed.		
Drowning	Buoyancy Aids & Helmets. Student Briefing on safety. Safety boat on water			Buoyancy aid fitted correctly by instructor Student briefing on safety. Head count if capsizes or sinks		
Possible exposure to contaminated water leading to "Weils" disease (leptospirosis)	Verbal warning of dangers of water at start of activity.  Warn not to touch face or put fingers in mouths whilst rafting.			Report and record any incidents of individuals falling ill after a raft building session  Instructors to remind staff members of risks, and to encourage		
	Cover open cuts with micropore tape/plaster or wear gloves during the activity.  No eating or drinking whilst on activity			reporting of any illness  Up to date information about risks, symptoms and prevention regularly disseminated between WH staff		
	Groups should be encouraged to wash their hands after sessions, to reduce the likely hood of contracting the disease					

Child Protection  Staff supervision. Head counts.  Information about existing medical conditions known by staff.			Check medication that may need to be accessed immediately is carried on the activity e.g. inhaler/Epi-pen			
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