

**RISK ASSESSMENT**

**PROJECT TITLE**

**Kayaking and Canoeing**

**VENUE**

Moving Water (Rivers)

This is a generic risk assessment. Coaches and leaders will make additional site specific and dynamic risk assessments, both at the venue, and ongoing throughout the journey.

Hazards Identified	Persons at Risk	Measures to control risk	Risk Multipliers			Further measures to control risk	Residual Risk		
			Severity	Likelihood	Risk		S	L	R
Trip and Slip Hazards	TCA Members participating, parents and helpers and general public.	Coaches/leaders to make site inspection on arrival at put in. Group briefing to raise awareness of findings. Group instructed to assist and watch out for each other. Members instructed not to leave equipment on ground in walkways. BA's and helmets to be worn when on or near river banks.	2	2	4	Throw bags to be carried/available when on riverbanks at put in, during inspections and at take out to ensure that a fall into water is dealt with quickly.	1	2	2
Manual Handling	TCA Members participating, parents and helpers.	All members given instruction on good practice for lifting and carrying kayaks and canoes. Members strongly encouraged to 'share' loads, particularly when loading/unloading boats from vehicles and on and near river banks. Reminders given at each session.	2	2	4	Kayak and canoe trolley wheels can be made available. Young people encouraged to use 4 people to move canoes.	2	1	2
Water. (Drowning and Hypothermia).	TCA Members participating, parents and helpers.	Participants must wear a Buoyancy Aid when on the water. Members are all given instruction on how to wear Buoyancy Aids correctly. Members are encouraged to check each others kit. Training in capsized prevention and rescue techniques is ongoing. Members are instructed on suitable clothing for paddling, and to have dry clothes to change into after. Coaches will not allow a member to paddle if not dressed suitably for the conditions.	3	2	6	Coaches/Leaders will decide if group/individuals able to cope with conditions on the day. Difficult sections to be inspected and individuals given option to walk round. Ongoing Dynamic risk assessment carried out throughout journey. Appropriate first aid and rescue equipment to be carried.	3	1	3
Water. (Grade, Speed/Flow, Weirs, Debris, Obstructions).	TCA Members participating.	Approval will only be given to those members who have demonstrated the skills and ability to cope with the proposed river trip/ section at 'normal' conditions. Ongoing training to improve member's skill levels is a feature of TCA journeys. All coaches/leaders will have current Whitewater Safety and Rescue training and certification.	3	2	6	Coaches/Leaders will decide if group/individuals able to cope with conditions on the day. Difficult sections to be inspected and individuals given option to walk round. Ongoing Dynamic risk assessment carried out throughout journey. Appropriate first aid and rescue equipment to be carried.	3	1	3
Vehicles.	TCA Members participating, parents and helpers and general public.	Parking at put in and take out to be done with regard for other road users. Awareness of oncoming traffic whilst loading and unloading boats from vehicles and when carrying boats along roads.	3	1	3				

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