

Risks Specific To Kayaking

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Trapping fingers, hands, feet, legs etc between other kayaks / being hit by paddles while paddling.	Clients/visiting staff/Instructors	1x7=7 Low	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procedures in Codes of Practice highlighting centre current practice on different activities. 2. Instructor training, induction and monitoring 3. Warnings must be given from the start of the activity about this 4. Try to encourage calm and not water fights or messing around. 	Monitor instructor training and practice	Daily

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Kayaks going behind island	Clients/visiting staff	1x9=9 Low	1. Procedures in Codes of Practice highlighting centre current practice on different activities. 2. Instructor training, induction and monitoring 3. Pre activity brief highlighting problems and dangers. 4. Instructors should ensure that they maintain sight of all kayaks at all times – raft building instructors / visiting staff positioned on bank etc may be used to help.	Monitor instructor training and practice	Daily

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Unable to get out of capsized kayak.	Clients/visiting staff	1x9=9 Low	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procedures in Codes of Practice highlighting centre current practice on different activities. 2. Instructor training, induction and monitoring 3. Pre activity brief highlighting problems and dangers, as well as appropriate techniques. 4. Instructors should ensure that they maintain sight of all kayaks at all times – raft building instructors / visiting staff positioned on bank etc may be used to help. 5. Only modern kayaks with large cockpits are to be used. 6. Ensure the kayak is suitable for the client before getting on the water – kayaks with open tops and double kayaks are available. 7. Reach into water lift head out and support until they get out. Call for extra help if required. 	Monitor instructor training and practice	Daily

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Being unable to climb back into kayak after capsize	Clients/visiting staff	1x3=3 Low	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procedures in Codes of Practice highlighting centre current practice on different activities. 2. Instructor training, induction and monitoring 3. Instructors should use the rescue method involving the swimmer climbing over the instructors boat. 4. If still having problem get swimmer into shallower water or the side. 	Monitor instructor training and practice	Daily
Slipping on wooden jetty	Clients/visiting staff/Instructors	1x3=3 Low	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procedures in Codes of Practice highlighting centre current practice on different activities. 2. Instructor training, induction and monitoring 3. Pre – activity brief highlighting dangers. 	Monitor instructor training and practice	Daily