

Risks Common To Water Based Activities

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<p>Leptospirosis or Weils disease when bacteria enter through the skin abrasions or via membranes around eyes, nose or mouth.</p>	<p>Clients/visiting staff/Instructors</p>	<p>1x9=9 Low</p>	<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. Advise clients to be aware of the danger and ensure no exposed cuts. 4. Avoid capsize drill or rolling practice in suspect waters. 5. Shower soon after activity. 6. Advise clients to seek medical help if flu like symptoms occur (usually after 2 to 12 days) There may be fever, severe headache, pains in the back and calf and prostration 	<p>Monitor instructor training and practice</p>	<p>Daily</p>

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Capsize	Clients/visiting staff/Instructors	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. Prevention is best. All instructors and visiting staff should be made aware of the causes and consequences of a capsize. 4. Leaders of river trips should be vigilant in looking for any new fallen trees, or branches, which could create a danger. 5. If using rafted canoes the trip leader should have immediate access to a folding pruning saw in case they need to cut through the joining wooden bar or any straps. This saw is to be stored in the rescue barrel when not on the river. It should be carried on the trip leaders body when on the river. 	Monitor instructor training and practice	Daily

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Being hit by paddle or other boat while on the water.	Clients/visiting staff/Instructors	1x4=4 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. Group control – awareness. Try to give enough room between paddlers. If raft games are to be undertaken then paddles should be cleared completely out of the way or placed on the bank. Do not place paddles across the boats for such games. 4. Pre-activity brief should include warnings about dangers, and the need to give a warning if collision between boats cannot be avoided. 5. Splashing should be avoided and discouraged as this is a major cause of hitting with paddles 	Monitor instructor training and practice	Daily

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Slipping from the banks	Clients/visiting staff/Instructors	1x6=6 Low	1. Procedures in Codes of Practice highlighting centre current practice on different activities. 2. Instructor training, induction and monitoring 3.Group control / awareness	Monitor instructor training and practice	Daily
Broken glass/sharp objects on river / canal / lake bed or banks	Clients/visiting staff/Instructors	1x6=6 Low	1. Procedures in Codes of Practice highlighting centre current practice on different activities. 2. Instructor training, induction and monitoring 3. Footwear must be worn on all activities.	Monitor instructor training and practice	Daily
Swans	Clients/visiting staff/Instructors	1x5=5 Low	A particular danger during mating season. Avoid stretches with known "assailants" or give wide berth. Do not antagonize.	Monitor instructor training and practice	Daily

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