

## High Adventure OEC Risk Assessment - **Canyoning**

Minimum Leader qualification	Comb: LCLA 1 or SPA or ML & <b>competent in swift water rescues</b>	Minimum Assistant qualification	In house assessed
Max group size with Leader	<b>Not to be lead alone. 12</b>	Max group size with assistant	12

Hazard	People at risk	Pre-control	On session control	Risk (minimal, manageable, unacceptable)
Slips / falls	All staff & participants	Thorough group briefing - expect slippery conditions. Appropriateness of footwear	Check helmets & buoyancy aids are worn & well fitted. Short sections to be completed at a time with spotting where needed.	Manageable
Unstable ground and items falling from above	All staff & participants	Thorough recent knowledge of venue. Pre-visit after high water.	Helmets to be worn at all times. Careful route choice and avoid unstable areas,	Minimal
Equipment failure	All staff & participants	Regular equipment checks and records kept.	Visual and handling check of equipment.	Minimal
Drowning	All staff & participants	Check weather forecast. Thorough group briefing, close supervision and appropriate safety gear.	Remain as a close group at all times. Only one person at a time on all chutes & jumps. Abandon session if water levels are high!	Manageable
Hypothermia	All staff & participants	Wetsuits & Waterproof jackets available	All participants to be monitored for signs of hypothermia	Manageable

### Essential equipment

Personal - Helmet, buoyancy aid, wetsuit, well fastened footwear - **not wellies**, and **windproof top**.

*Warm clothing and change of clothing, towel*

Leader - Throw line, group shelter, 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit & hot drink

### Site specific details

<b>Beesley - gr; SD 705 747 - EMERGENCY PHONE (private) SD 693 733</b>				
Water levels	All staff & participants	Knowledge of venue in various conditions	Watch 'watermarkers' eg. Rock on river right at exit to first major pool	Minimal

Assessed by	HA OEC Ltd	Renewal date	This Risk Assessment is renewed in October each year as a matter of course, but is also reviewed & amended on a weekly / monthly basis subject to any changes that occur to High Adventure OEC Ltd Normal Operating Procedure.	
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