

High Adventure OEC Risk Assessment - Raft Building

Minimum Leader qualification	BCU Level 2	Minimum Assistant qualification	In house assessed
Max group size with Leader	12	Max group size with assistant	14

Hazard	People at risk	Pre-control	On session control	Risk (minimal, manageable, unacceptable)
Injuries while carrying equipment	All staff & participants	All staff aware of correct methods of carrying equipment	Participants only to carry equipment in groups, under supervision, and after being briefed on safe lifting techniques.	Minimal
Drowning	All staff & participants	All sessions run by qualified staff	Group to be issued with safety equipment and briefed on what to do should they fall in	Manageable
Hypothermia	All staff & participants	Groups clothing to be checked prior to session, weather conditions to be checked	All participants to be monitored for signs of hypothermia	Manageable
Equipment failure	All staff & participants	Regular equipment checks and records kept	Visual and handling check of equipment.	Minimal
Capsize / raft failure	Participants	Good briefing; HA staff to be aware of non-swimmers and those nervous in water.	Keep group under close control and check wind direction. Reassurance not to panic, beware of loose ropes in the water.	Manageable

Essential equipment

Personal - Helmet, buoyancy aid, paddle. *Check for warm clothing, windproof top, and appropriate footwear*

Group - Barrels, planks / poles, ropes

Leader - Group shelter, throw line, 1st aid kit, Knife (concealed), flask with warm drink

Site specific details

Ponden - gr; SD 992 369 - EMERGENCY PHONE (private) SD 998 372			
Below water hazards	Participants	Staff awareness - The wall may be a hazard in certain water levels	Minimal

Windermere Lake - gr; - EMERGENCY PHONE			
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Wind	All staff and participants	Staff awareness of group and weather conditions	Manageable

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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