

<b>DEVA CANOE CLUB</b>		
<b>Risk Assessment for Canoeing and Kayaking</b>		
<b>Canoeing and Kayaking are risk assumed activities.</b>		
<b>It is incumbent on all participants to show a duty of care to other people involved</b>		
<b>Who may be harmed</b>	<b>The likelihood of the risk occurring</b>	<b>Consequences</b>
<b>Members of the club</b>	<b>Very Low (VL)</b> There is a risk but there is little chance of it occurring	<b>Insignificant – but present</b> Any injury would be very minor.
<b>Guests of the club</b>	<b>Low (L)</b> There is a risk but it is unlikely to occur.	<b>Slight</b> Any injury would only be only of a minor nature. ie .graze, bruise or minor cut
<b>Coaches and Activity Leaders</b>	<b>Medium (M)</b> There is a risk and there is a reasonable chance of an occurrence.	<b>Moderate</b> Any injury could result in the participant not continuing with the activity.
<b>Members of the Public</b>	<b>High (H)</b> There is a risk and, on balance, an incident may occur.	<b>Serious</b> Any injury would be regarded as serious. i.e. Broken bone, serious burns etc.
<b>Other water users.</b>		<b>Very Serious</b> The consequences could be fatal or involve life or mobility threatening injuries.

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Consequences</b>	<b>Action &amp; Controls</b>
<b>Drowning</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Very Serious</b>	<b>Swimming tests, Capsize drills, Rescue procedures in place, Buoyancy aids worn</b>
<b>Injury due to capsize</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Training &amp; proficiency in capsize drills</b>
<b>Injury due to activity</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Serious</b>	<b>Instruction &amp; best practice in correct technique for strokes and activities.</b>
<b>Head injuries</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Serious</b>	<b>Wearing of helmets whenever appropriate</b>
<b>Cuts &amp; abrasions</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Slight</b>	<b>Appropriate footwear to be worn. First Aid kit to be available</b>
<b>Hypothermia</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Serious</b>	<b>Appropriate clothing to be worn for conditions and activities, Awareness of the effects of cold water immersion. Signs, symptoms and treatment.</b>
<b>Waterborne Diseases</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Appropriate briefing. Open wounds to be covered.</b>
<b>Injuries due to loading/unloading boats</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Advice given on best practice in Manual Handling.</b>
<b>Entrapment</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Serious</b>	<b>Training &amp; proficiency in capsize drills. Appropriate safety cover in place in situations where entrapment might occur.</b>
<b>Medical Conditions</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>It is the responsibility of participants to</b>

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			make coaches/leaders/others aware of any relevant medical conditions.
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**GENERAL RISK AWARENESS**

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Consequences</b>	<b>Action &amp; Controls</b>
<b>Weather</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Slight -Serious</b>	<p>Check weather forecasts.</p> <p>Awareness of effects of temperature, wind, rain and lightning.</p> <p>Only paddle when conditions are acceptable&amp; wear appropriate clothing</p>
<b>Water &amp; Environment</b>	<b>Low - Medium</b>	<b>Slight -Serious</b>	<p>Awareness of water temperature.</p> <p>Awareness of Hypothermia - signs , symptoms and treatment.</p> <p>Check river levels &amp; rain forecast</p> <p>Only paddle when conditions are appropriate to ability level of group</p> <p>Awareness of possible water pollution.</p>
<b>Participants</b>	<b>Low - Medium</b>	<b>Slight - Serious</b>	<p>Awareness of any relevant medical conditions.</p> <p>Awareness of possible injuries due to entering water.</p> <p>Awareness of possible injuries due to collisions with other participants.</p>
<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Low - Medium</b>	<b>Slight - Serious</b>	<p>All equipment to be in a safe condition for the activity.</p> <p>Boats &amp; equipment loaned out to club members and guests to be regularly checked and tested each season.</p> <p>Additional airbags recommended for WW Kayaking &amp; Canoeing.</p> <p>Awareness of possible injuries due to incorrect manual handling of boats etc.</p>

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