

Risk Assessment

Bear Creek Adventure Ltd & Edgbaston Watersports

Activity: Generic Watersports

Location: Edgbaston Reservoir

Hazards	Who might be harmed & how?	Safety measures in place to minimise risk
Drowning	Students & Staff Constant entering the water	Briefing Buoyancy Aids Qualified staff, safety cover
Lifting injury Handling & manoeuvring trailers	Students & Staff Sprains/strains	Group management Briefing on correct technique
Exposure to the elements	Students & Staff Hypo/hyperthermia	Correct clothing Briefing (extra clothes or suntan lotion etc)
Uneven / wet surfaces	Students & Staff Fall or slip	Staff knowledge of the venue Briefing Correct footwear
Head injury from boom or mast	Students & Staff Head injury Concussion	Briefing, training, land drills Helmets worn when appropriate
Entrapment in boat or Capsizing	Students & Staff Being caught in loose toe straps or ropes	Briefing Group management, safety cover Maintenance of equipment Reduce kit that can snag (Helmets, hooded tops etc.)
From other water users	Students & Staff Wash, collision	Briefing, rules of the road Suitable course
Low leg & ankle injuries	Students & Staff Foot caught in toe straps	Briefing Correct footwear
Rope burns	Students & Staff Incorrect usage	Briefing & training on correct technique

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Drifting offshore out of controlled area	Students Collision with other vessels Stranded	Briefing Group management Safety cover
Powerboat injuries	Students & Staff Major injury or death	Qualified staff only to drive unless under supervision by a Power Boat Briefing Slow speed/ stopped when in close proximity to swimmers Briefing Slow speed/ stopped when in close proximity to swimmers
Hair entanglements	Student & Staff Moving parts of the boats may catch small loose items	All hair tied back Helmets worn when appropriate
Entrapment in sail	Students & Staff Incorrect technique	Briefing & training Group management

Risk assessment prepared by (please print):

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