

**10 GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT - ACTIVITY LED BY SCHOOL – RIVER WALKS, GORGE STREAM SCRAMBLE OR SIMILAR (PLANNED ENTRY INTO WATER AS AN ADVENTURE ACTIVITY). Leader competence must be approved by LEA Outdoor Education Adviser (OEA). In addition to evidence of recent and relevant experience of activity, leader must have training relevant to nature and location of stream. In remote terrain, leader must hold relevant walking award, and to use ropes, a rock climbing award or site specific training.**

HAZARD	RISK	PERSONS AT RISK	CONTROL MEASURES	COMMENTS/ACTIONS	RESIDUAL RISK RATING	INITIAL IF ALL IN PLACE
Extreme weather, cold water	Cold injury, possible fatality	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seasonal (usually April – October) activity, consideration of forecast and prevailing conditions on day, suitable clothing and equipment, dry spare clothing and emergency equipment available</li> </ul>	Pre-planning, equipment lists to group, kit checked before departure	<b>Low</b>	
Deep and/or fast flowing water	Drowning, injury	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guidance in DfES “Handbook for Group Leaders” and the leaflet "Group Safety at Water Margins" available from <a href="http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/visits">http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/visits</a> must be followed.</li> <li>Each stream must be individually risk assessed by leader with advice from technical adviser (MIA or otherwise approved by LEA) - written control measures and/or operating procedure produced</li> <li>Weather forecast obtained and leader makes decision whether or not to proceed or adapt activity on basis of weather forecast, strength of water, conditions on day</li> </ul>	<p>Written specific risk assessment and/or operating procedure</p> <p>Ongoing assessment by leader at start and during activity</p>	<b>Low</b>	
Falls, falling rocks, cliffs	Possible fatality, injury	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As part of site specific risk assessment decision made regarding necessary equipment – helmets (usual), type of footwear etc</li> <li>Close supervision by experienced staff</li> <li>Ropes, or terrain requiring ropes may only be used by qualified staff working to an operating procedure agreed by MIA as above</li> </ul>	Pre-visit - site specific risk assessment and operating procedure as above	<b>Low</b>	

*This generic risk assessment for school use identifies the common hazards and control measures associated with this type of visit or activity. Before undertaking the activity, the **GROUP LEADER** must also make an “**EVENT-SPECIFIC**” assessment of any risks associated with their particular visit, including the **SITE, GROUP, ACTIVITIES, STAFFING & TRAVEL**.*

LOCATION OF VISIT:

DATE(S):

ASSESSMENT CARRIED OUT BY: NAME:

SIGNED:

DATE: