

11 GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT - ACTIVITY LED BY SCHOOL – FIELD STUDY IN/BY INLAND WATER (RIVER, STREAM STUDY OR POND DIPPING) Page 1

In addition to evidence of recent and relevant experience of activity, leader must have discussed with LEA OUTDOOR EDUCATION ADVISER (OEA) nature and location of water. In remote terrain, leader must hold relevant walking award. If activity IN water is proposed, leader competence must be approved by LEA OUTDOOR EDUCATION ADVISER (OEA).

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"> • Consideration of forecast and conditions of day, provision of suitable clothing, footwear and equipment, dry spare clothing and emergency equipment 	Pre-planning, equipment lists to group, kit checked before departure	Low	
Proximity to water	Drowning	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance in DfES "Handbook for Group Leaders" and the leaflet "Group Safety at Water Margins" available from http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/visits must be followed • Risk assessment of route, banks, crossings etc • Awareness that water levels change and need to assess conditions before and during activity • Other route MUST be taken if route (e.g. bank side path, stepping stones) unsafe • Good supervision of pupils to ensure sensible behaviour 	Pre-planning and assessment on day	Low	

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Planned activity IN water (for field studies etc)	Drowning, injury	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance in DfES "Handbook for Group Leaders" and the leaflet "Group Safety at Water Margins" available from http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/visits must be followed. Each location must be individually risk assessed by leader with advice from LEA Outdoor Education Adviser before visit. Use sites where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> easy access and exit from water no significant hazards on banks e.g. (water flowing onto overhanging trees) no immediate significant down stream hazards (waterfalls, etc) pupils can stand easily in water to be entered and underwater surface suitable pupils can be seen and supervised by staff Weather forecast obtained and leader makes decision whether or not to proceed or adapt activity on basis of weather forecast, strength of water and conditions on day 	<p>Written specific risk assessment and/or operating procedure approved by OEA</p> <p>Ongoing assessment by leader at start and during activity</p>	Low	
Weil's disease pollution	Illness	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not use obviously contaminated sites Obtain and follow LEA guidelines re Weil's Disease Take sensible hygiene precautions: cover wounds, grazes etc, do not drink river water, wash hands before eating 	Take advice from Environment Agency if necessary	Low	
Informal swimming	Drowning	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never allow impromptu swimming or paddling – see swimming risk assessment 	Written specific risk assessment required.	Medium	

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