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In addition to evidence of recent and relevant experience, leader must hold an appropriate National Caving Association qualification for the system and route they intend to lead and be approved by the LEA Outdoor Education Adviser (OEA) (advised by a technical adviser holding a Caving Instructor Certificate (CIC)).

HAZARD	RISK	PEOPLE AT RISK	CONTROL MEASURES	COMMENTS/ ACTIONS	RESIDUAL RISK RATING	INITIAL IF ALL IN PLACE
Avoidable objective dangers/unsuitable route for ability of group	Disabling or fatal injury	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Route has been specifically risk assessed and is on the leaders list of approved caves/mines in LCMLA logbook page (unless CIC holder). Leader continually assesses risk during activity Leader has up to date local knowledge / advice from appropriate local caving organisation (e.g. PICA/DCA etc) or CIC holders about system being visited Ability/experience of group taken into account 	Written site specific risk assessment (and operating procedures if appropriate)	Low	
Fall from height, objects falling from above, holes in floor, trips and slips	Disabling or fatal injury	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leader and other adults understand how to “spot” participants appropriately Leader uses ropes as trained Pupils involved in spotting are trained appropriately Group size and ratios suitable (usually up to 12 students with additional adult) Helmets and suitable footwear worn Proper briefing of pupils, behaviour monitored and vigilance of all staff during activity 		Low	
Flooding	Drowning	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of system Observation of weather several days before trip and forecast on the day 		Low	
Pollution Slow moving water	Illness (Radon, Weil's disease etc)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of protective outer clothing Pupils briefed re hygiene Pupils and parents briefed re risks and action required (if appropriate) Cuts covered before trip 	Gloves provided if appropriate to system Information to parents	Low	

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Deep water, flooded passages	Drowning	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of appropriate caves/mines to ability of group • Briefing of group (e.g. near sumps) • Suitable equipment/clothing/emergency equipment • Avoid entering /diving any sumps 	Generally not advisable to enter deep water with groups. Unusually may be appropriate for small group with prior caving experience to wade deep water – seek advice from CIC holder	Low	
Cold temperatures (including surface hazard)	Disabling or fatal injury	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate protective clothing and equipment • Check weather forecast/account of surface water temperature if active stream cave • Ability to change plans if weather inappropriate 	Kit list to parents; kit checked before departure	Low	
Illness or injury	Disabling or fatal injury or illness	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group leader first aid trained • Information about existing medical conditions known by staff • Accident/emergency procedures known by leaders • First aid equipment carried by party 	Medical information from parents Medication carried	Low	

DCA: Derbyshire Cave Association
PICA - Peak Instructed Caving Affiliation
LCMLA - Local Cave/Mine Leader Assessment

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