

Thriftwood Scout Campsite Risk Assessment: Canoeing

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Hazard	Who might be harmed	Existing controls	Severity 1-10	Likelihood 1-10	Rating (SxL)	Further Actions Required
Drowning	Participant	Fitted and tested buoyancy aids, throw line and life rings available. Canoes have easy access	9	2	18	Adequately Covered
Back injury	All	Minimum of 2 people to carry boats	7	2	14	Adequately Covered
Contact with paddle	Participant	Instructors to teach correct use of paddles. Tell participants of dangers of paddle contact. Helmets to be worn.	5	3	15	Adequately Covered
Equipment failure	Participant	Checked prior to use. Annual BA and boat inspections.	7	2	14	Adequately Covered
Foot injury due to foreign objects	Participants	Participants to wear suitable footwear. Quarterly lake inspections	3	6	18	Adequately Covered
Entrapment	All	Instructors to make sure participants are using seats correctly. Laces tucked away. Painters tucked away or highlighted to participants. Spare paddles stowed safely out of the way.	8	2	16	Adequately Covered
Impalement	All	Gunwales checked for damage prior to usage	7	2	14	Adequately Covered
Slipping	All	Adult supervision, quarterly inspections of banks	3	5	15	Adequately Covered
Weather	All	Activity to be stopped in electrical storms, heavy rain and high winds	6	3	18	Adequately Covered
Weils Disease	Participants	Participants to cover cuts/grazes, told to shower after lake. Information poster displayed in container	7	2	14	Adequately Covered
See Site Procedures for action.						

Rating	81-100	61-80	41-60	21-40	11-20	0-10
Action	Immediate Action	Action within 1 week	Not adequately controlled	Further Investigation	Adequately Controlled	Trivial Risk