



## Dorset Disabled Canoe Unit Risk Assessment Iford Site

<b>Activity</b>	Club paddle from Iford	<b>Reviewed by</b>	Kevin Anderson
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Hazard	Who might be affected?	Risk controls	Any further action needed	Who by?	Date to complete	Done
Moving traffic within compound and in outside of compound	All	<p>Actively manage parking to ensure that vehicles are parked away from footpaths and entrance to site.</p> <p>Ensure that vehicles are parked with space to allow unloading without risk to paddlers, general public or property.</p> <p>Avoid parking inside the site when the club is meeting. Keep central area, access to container and slipway clear.</p>				
Damage to equipment from moving traffic	All	<p>Ensure that all equipment is kept out of corridors of traffic movement.</p>				
Slips, trips and falls on footpath to water and slipway all of which can be slippery in wet conditions.	All	<p>Coach/lead paddler to check access immediately prior to session and advise paddlers accordingly.</p> <p>Keep a clear access path to the water and slipway.</p>				



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		Use rubber mats and other assistance.				
Moving boats and manual handling.	All	<p>Coaches teach safe boat handling techniques.</p> <p>Request assistance if needed.</p> <p>Keep area in front of boat shed clear when accessing boats.</p> <p>Particular care is needed when lifting boats to above chest height.</p>				
Swans and other wildlife.	Paddlers	<p>Avoid disturbing nesting swans as they may become aggressive. If a nest is seen, inform the rest of the group, and remain clear.</p> <p>Generally, avoid disturbing all wildlife.</p>				
Collision with other water users.	Paddlers	<p>Participants should be advised of collision avoidance rules. Keep right, turn right and give way to the right.</p> <p>Coach to carry whistle to be able to alert people to others presence.</p>				
Clothing and personal safety equipment	Paddlers.	Wear appropriate clothing to protect from cold water and cold winds.				



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		<p>PFD to be worn at all times on the water.</p> <p>Consider use of helmets if planned activity involves risk to head.</p> <p>No solo paddling.</p> <p>At least one mobile phone or other means of calling for help to be carried.</p>				
Entrapment - fishing lines, trees or obstacles in high water levels and flows.	Paddlers	<p>Identify potential risk and instruct participants to give fisherman and their lines a wide berth.</p> <p>If discarded tackle is found then coaches should carefully remove it from the river.</p> <p>Advise paddlers to avoid trees and any know underwater obstacles</p>				
Drowning /Entrapment	Paddlers	<p>All paddlers to be trained on wet exit techniques.</p> <p>A coach/helper to be with each group. To lead rescues if needed.</p>				
Hypothermia	Paddlers	Appropriate clothing				



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		<p>Assess temperature before deliberately entering water, eg wet exit.</p> <p>Monitor fellow participants for signs, remove from water if needed</p> <p>Be aware that if a paddlers movements are restricted, warming up once cold may take considerably longer due to reduced muscle movement/blood flow.</p>				
First Aid	All	<p>First aid kits are available in the container.</p> <p>Kits should be taken with paddling groups.</p>				
Bio-Hazards	All	<p>Encourage washing after contact with water.</p> <p>Encourage "Check Clean Dry" to avoid transferring aquatic plants and animals.</p>				
Environmental conditions	Paddlers	<p>Continuously assess the water and weather conditions for suitability.</p> <p>Remember there is always another day</p>				



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