

Activity: Raft Building

Hazard	Risk level			Control Measure	Other Measures
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Staff Qualifications	•			BCU Level 1 coach or higher	Copy of all qualification are kept in the office and check by Senior Team
Activity base.	•			The Bont area in Glasbury or Brecon canal or sheltered lakes & reservoirs.	Site specific training.
Extreme weather.				Weather checked daily, suitable venue chosen in the event of high winds, very high water.	Staff monitor the weather and chose appropriate venue to conditions..
Carrying poles and barrels	•			Customers are advised on how to correctly carry the equipment, i.e two persons to carry the long poles.	Staff supervise the customers whilst carrying the equipment.
Safety equipment. Buoyancy aids and helmets	•			All wear CEN approved buoyancy aid and helmets. Instructors ensure that all safety equipment is fitted correctly	All equipment is checked before use and bi-annually and records kept in the office.
Raft falling apart	•			Demonstration is given on knot tying and how to lash barrels and poles together. Customers are helped with construction.	Appropriate help and advice given when needed.
Raft flipping.	•			Customers are advised to construct a large as possible raft to have max stability. They are also encouraged not to deliberately flip rafts when on the water.	Appropriate help and advice given when needed.
Entrapments.	•			Construction of the raft is overseen by instructors to ensure they are no ropes which can course entailment.	Safety canoe is on the water to deal with any incidents and staff are trained to deal with entrapments and carry a knife.
Wind and currents.	•			Rafts are tethered if customers cannot control them especially young persons, or if there is sufficient wind and flow on the water.	Instructors tether the rafts and control them form the bank is needed.
Falling off the raft	•			Customers are encouraged to get back on to the raft with the help of their collogues.	Instructor is in a safety canoe to help recover any persons.
Getting hit.	•			Customers are advised not to splash other rafts when closer then 2mts so as not to accidently hit another person. All person wear helmets when on the raft.	Splashing is controlled by the instructors.

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Hypothermia.	●	Wetsuits and waterproofs tops are worn by customers during the cooler months.	Staff carry exposure bag, spare warm clothing and hot drink and group shelter and monitor the group throughout the day.
Heat exhaustion and heatstroke	●	On warm and hot days, customers are advised to apply plenty of sun cream and to carry plenty of water for the day, water breaks taken in the shade.	Clothing is checked before the start sun cream and plenty of water taken. Instructors monitor the group throughout the session.
Trees and wildlife	●	Customers briefed on how to avoid over hanging trees and to rocks, wildlife, and other users.	Staff monitor customers at all times
Harmful substances Wiels disease .	●	Customers are advised to wash their hand and shower at the end of session	Wiels disease, monitored by BMA
Drowning.	●	All staff and customers wear a CEN Buoyancy aid and helmet. All can swim or are water confident.	Instructional staff monitor the customers throughout the session
Trips & slips	●	Customers are advised to take care when carrying the equipment to and from the water, especially when the ground is wet, Helmets also worn.	Monitored by Staff
Loading and unloading trailers	●	Customers are shown on the correct loading and unloading of equipment form the trailer.	Customers are supervised by BMA Staff when loading and unload equipment and ensure that they are secure.
Motorized craft on the canal	●	Rafts pulled to side on canal until the pass.	Staff keeps extra vigilance for other boats
Poor Visibility	●	Customers are kept together at all times. Alternative activity given in extreme conditions.	Instructors keep good group control
Fishermen	●	Customers are advised to lookout for fishermen on the banks and standing in the river.	Staff take note of where any fishermen are.
Injury to Clients or Staff	●	All staff are first aid trained and carry first aid	All staff are qualified and have a minimum of 8 hours all staff carry mobile phone.