

Polis Chrysochous Beach, Paphos, Cyprus

<b><i>Risk Assessment – Raft Building</i></b>			
<b>Hazard</b>	<b>People Harmed</b>	<b>Risk Control</b>	<b>Further Action</b>
Injury from poles	Participants	<p>All equipment checked prior to use to check for damage and splintering of poles.</p> <p>Briefing on carrying poles, for younger children poles must be carried in twos.</p> <p>Briefing on the dangers of swinging poles around or throwing poles during the construction and dismantling phases.</p> <p>Briefing on the dangers of standing on unsecured poles during the construction and dismantling phases.</p> <p>Briefing on the dangers of entrapment of fingers during both the construction and dismantling phases.</p>	<p>Damaged equipment removed from the activity.</p> <p>Staff supervision throughout the activity to enforce this.</p>
Injury from ropes	Participants	Briefing to emphasize the dangers of swinging ropes around in close proximity of others.	
Injury from falling poles or rafts	All	<p>Spectators kept at a safe distance from the activity when the construction is taking place.</p> <p>With younger pupils staff to assist with this phase of the activity to reduce the danger.</p> <p>Care to be exercised when turning the raft over or moving it. Supervising staff to assist where necessary.</p>	

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		<p>When on the water all participants must wear helmets throughout this phase of the activity.</p>	
Drowning	All Participants	<p>Participants must wear appropriate buoyancy aids throughout the activity.</p> <p>In the case of capsizes, staff to ensure all participants involved are accounted for and safe.</p> <p>Safety boat to be on the water at all times when a raft is sailing.</p>	<p>Buoyancy aids checked by staff prior to the session beginning. Staff vigilance throughout the session to ensure buoyancy aids are worn correctly.</p> <p>Rafts to be tethered by a rope to the bank to avoid running away.</p>
Hypothermia	All participants	<p>Staff to ensure that clothing is appropriate to the prevailing weather conditions.</p> <p>Cagoules to be issued whenever participants require them. Special attention to be paid to appropriate headwear.</p> <p>Staff to carry an appropriate group shelter and survival bag in their safety kit.</p> <p>Location of local telephones to be known by supervising staff or mobile telephones to be carried throughout the activity. Local hospital located in 5 minutes driving distance from the beach.</p>	<p>Staff to carry appropriate spare clothing throughout the activity.</p>

Hit by paddles	All participants	Ensure that participants are aware of the dangers of wielding paddles in confined spaces. Very little risk as done in the sea.  Helmets to be worn at all times when on the water.	Staff vigilance throughout the session.
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Being swept away	All Participants	<p>The activity not to take place when the sea is flowing faster than normal summer level.</p> <p>Safety boat to be on the water at all times during crossing of the river.</p> <p>Supervising staff to have relevant safety equipment readily at hand including throw-lines.</p> <p>Rafts to be tethered by a rope to the bank to avoid drifting away.</p>	In situations of fast flowing sea currents, the participants would stop their activities effective immediately.

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