

# ASSESSMENT OF RISK FOR

**BRAESIDE  
EDUCATION  
CENTRE**

Assessment of:  
**Canoeing**

Location: Caen Hill Pounds, Devizes Wharf, Foxhangers (all on K&A Canal network)

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| HAZARDS   | WHO MIGHT BE HARMED?  | IS THE RISK ADEQUATELY CONTROLLED?  | WHAT FURTHER ACTION IN NECESSARY TO CONTROL THE RISK?  |
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| List Hazards here:  | List specific groups of staff / other people that are risk, e.g. visitors, young people, expectant mothers etc:   | List existing control measures / systems and state how individuals at risk are notified of the control measures / systems in place:   | List the risks which are not adequately controlled and the action you will take where it is reasonably practicable to do more: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locks</li> <li>• Untreated Water – biohazard (weils disease)</li> <li>• Other canal users / boats</li> <li>• Overhanging branches</li> <li>• Sharp debris</li> <li>• Dog faeces</li> <li>• Swans</li> <li>• Wooden jetty – slippy and solid obstacle</li> <li>• Hazards increased by poor supervision, lack if skill in other boat handlers, horseplay, over/under confident students</li> <li>• Weather both heat and cold</li> <li>• Dehydration</li> <li>• Slips and trips entering and exiting boats</li> <li>• Aggressive local residence / public</li> <li>• Extreme conditions – cold/hot; time of year; wind and wind chill</li> <li>• Car park and moving vehicles</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Braeside Teaching Staff</li> <li>• Instructors</li> <li>• School Staff</li> <li>• Students</li> <li>• Adult users</li> <li>• Volunteers</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualified instructor or teacher (min. BC UKCC Level 1) under supervision from a BC Level 3 Coach</li> <li>• Experienced and qualified/trained assistants</li> <li>• Thorough briefing and instructions given</li> <li>• Buoyancy aids and helmets to be worn at all times</li> <li>• Throw line / instructed use</li> <li>• Continuously reassess situation – weather, swans, other water craft, proximity to locks etc</li> <li>• Ensure open wounds are covered and washed when return to base</li> <li>• Change of clothes, towel etc</li> <li>• Food for energy</li> <li>• Hot drink in cold weather</li> <li>• Drinking water in hot weather</li> <li>• Sensible clothing for activities and footwear must be worn at all times (guidance given)</li> <li>• Keep noise to acceptable level.</li> <li>• Try to moor away from gardens / private land.</li> <li>• Discreet changing in car park area</li> <li>• Guidance given about staying out of car park area unless supervised</li> <li>• Clothing appropriate to conditions – checked and use of Braeside clothing if needed.</li> <li>• Canoeing permitted from March to November, however ALWAYS consider the weather conditions, the ability of the group and the aims of the session BEFORE undertaking the activity. Adapt and change activity if needed.</li> </ul> |  |