

Workplace	Buzz Active	Likelihood (L)	X	Severity (S)
Department	Children's Services	Almost Impossible	1	Insignificant (minor injury, no time off)
Risk Assessor	R Wilson	Unlikely	2	Minor (injury and up to 7 days off)
Room/Area	Cuckmere / Eastbourne	Possible	3	Moderate (injury causing more than 7 days off)
Activity/Task	Raft Building	Likely	4	Major (death or serious injury)
Date reviewed	13/01/2025	Almost Certain	5	Catastrophic (multiple deaths)
Benefit of activity	Teambuilding, learning new skills, fun, balance. Co-ordination, communication, trust, self esteem, problem solving, confidence	Low = 1-8	Medium = 9-14	High = 15-25

What are the significant, foreseeable, hazards? (the dangers that can cause harm)	Who is at Risk?	Current control measures (What is already in place/done)	Risk Rating			What additional control measures can be put in place to reduce the risk further?	Revised Risk Rating		
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1.	Manual Handling - Carrying equipment to the designated raft- building area. Personal injury	All participants, members of staff, public	Instructor to brief clients on carrying equipment properly and sensibly. Clients briefed on being aware of others when handling the poles. All clients to be wearing closed toe shoes, helmets while building rafts, and buoyancy aids before going afloat. Strong group control. Participants to lift equipment in pairs pr groups. Keep the build area tidy. Clients are briefed to carry any equipment the short distance to the water by bending the knee and keeping a straight back wherever possible. Slow and careful movements minimise twisting or swinging with poles with good communication between participants.	2	3	6			
2	Members of public around the meander and on the slipway/ right of way.	All participants, members of staff, public	Instructor brief to include awareness of other users, advising of right of way, set out clear boundaries, leaving clear path.	3	2	6			
3	Building of the raft	Participants and staff	Clients to take care when handling poles and feeding ropes through hands when building/dismantling the raft as splinters and rope burns can happen. Working together and communicating is key to the success of this task, and this will also prevent rope burn, trapping fingers and most build associated injury. Staff or helpers to monitor each team. Brief group on entrapment issues.	3	3	6			
4	Participant's behaviour - Jumping/climbing on the barrels on land. Throwing swinging kit/ poles around.	All participants, members of staff, public	Strong group control and brief – equipment area for building.	3	3	9			

5	Tripping on loose rope on floor in build area. Slipway, edges. Rope burn.	All participants, members of staff, public	Instructor to keep area tidy, designated area for building and visual check of equipment before use.	3	3	9			
6	Equipment failure	Participants	Visual check of equipment for signs of damage and excessive wear	2	3	6			
7	The meanders are shallow may cause risk to ankles and legs when falling off the raft	All participants, staff	<p>Instructor to indicate rafting area on the meander opposite the slipway and denote paddling area for best depth of water.</p> <p>Clients entering the water must have helmets and closed toe footwear. Awareness of water depth and how to get on and off the raft safely.</p>	3	3	9			
8	Concrete slipway area is a slip and trip hazard	All participants, members of staff, public	Strong brief by instructor. Demonstration of how to get in the water and on the equipment. Instructor to help launch.	3	3	9			
9	Meander banks - slippery	Participants and staff	Clients to be briefed on unstable nature of opposite riverbank and informed this is not to be used as egress as part of the national park conservation area. Reinforce good communication between team members.	2	3	6			
10	Under water foreign objects	Participants and staff	Appropriate footwear to be worn at all times. Visual check of the area before use.	2	3	6			

11	Drowning – raft flipping, or entrapment	Participants	<p>A strong design encouraged by the instructor to limit the movement of barrels and poles when on the water. Knots shown to participants to help with the strength. Strong brief to group of awareness of pinch points on the raft when on the water. Signals to be used if there is a problem. Head count all the time and good instructor positioning to visually check participants when on the water. Knife and whistle to be carried on all instructors. Staff member to be on the water before launching.</p> <p>Importance of a properly fitted buoyancy aid being worn at all times and leg straps if fitted to be properly affixed and tightened.</p> <p>excessive webbing to be tucked away from the side to prevent catching.</p>	2	4	8			
12	Equipment	Participants, instructors	<p>Good brief on how to hold and use paddles. What to do when not paddling, helmets to be always worn. No paddles to be thrown or used inappropriately.</p>	2	3	6			
13	Weather	All participants, members of staff, public	<p>Be aware of the wind strength and direction before session so designated paddling area can be assigned. Safety measures in place with tow and throw lines. Procedures covered in staff induction. Cags available for warmth, water and sun cream advised if weather is hot. Appropriate clothing worn. Wetsuits available.</p>	3	1	3			

14	Foreign bodies	All	Visual inspection of slipway and water for any hazards. Remove if possible and/or alert SI on site if it may impact on the session. Clients to wash their hands before eating.	1	2	2			
15	Public	All	Good group control and briefing to avoid members of the public.	1	1	1			
16	Wildlife	All	Avoid the banks where possible during nesting season, avoid water foul and other birds whilst on the water. Do not deliberately approach wild birds. Good briefing and group management.	2	1	2			

Action Plan (when will the above additional control measures be implemented and by whom?)

Action	By Whom?	Deadline	Date Completed

Signature and review

Name of Manager:	Richard Wilson	Signature of Manager:	R Wilson
1st review undertaken on:	10/11/2020	Signature of Manager:	R Wilson
2nd review undertaken on:	12/01/2021	Signature of Manager:	R Wilson
3rd review undertaken on:	09/03/2022	Signature of Manager:	R Wilson
4th review undertaken on:	18/03/2023	Signature of Manager:	P Lansdown
5th review undertaken on:	23/01/24	Signature of Manager:	P Lansdown
6th review undertaken on:	13/01/2025	Signature of Manager:	R Wilson

