

<b>Location:</b>	Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre	<b>Date of Assessment:</b>	April 2010	<b>Name of Assessor:</b>	Ed Sibson
<b>Activity:</b>	Raft Building and Bridge Building	<b>Assessment Reference Number:</b>	4.10	<b>Signature of Assessor:</b>	E Sibson

ITEM/ HAZARD	Possible outcome of Hazard	Likelihood L – M – H	Consequence L – M - H	Risk Rating	CONTROL MEASURES
Trapped body part in raft or between raft and river bank	Physical injury, drowning	L	H	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Raft to be built to agreed model as per details below.</li> <li>▪ Instructor to carry suitable rescue knife which must be easily accessible.</li> <li>▪ Raft to be inspected prior to launch to ensure no loose ropes/areas where an arm or leg could get trapped.</li> <li>▪ Instructor to carry line suitable for quick attachment to raft to enable raft to be rapidly recovered to bank in case of accident/emergency.</li> <li>▪ Clients advised to only stand on the planks, not the barrels.</li> </ul>
River born diseases / bacterial infections / Sharps	Infections or diseases, e.g. well's disease.	L	H	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clients must be strongly advised to shower with soap after activity.</li> <li>▪ Advise clients to thoroughly wash hands on completion of task and before consuming food or drink</li> <li>▪ Clients encouraged to cover any cuts or grazes with waterproof dressing prior to the activity, clean well and apply fresh dressing after activity.</li> <li>▪ All clients must be made aware of waterborne diseases and their prevention.</li> <li>▪ Discourage capsizes after high water conditions.</li> <li>▪ Users must be warned not to handle any sharps or syringes if discovered, and to alert instructor.</li> </ul>
Person falling overboard	Drowning	L	H	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Instructor to be on the water in an open canoe when rafts are afloat.</li> <li>▪ Instructors must have passed 'in house' competency training.</li> </ul>
Paddles and raft poles	Physical injury	L	H	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure all participants wear helmets and buoyancy aids at all times.</li> </ul>
Weather	Hypothermia or immersion	L	H	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Only run the session in suitable weather conditions in April to September.</li> <li>▪ Avoid prolonged immersion of participants in water.</li> <li>▪ Use wetsuits during cold weather.</li> <li>▪ The group should stay within close proximity to the Centre buildings.</li> </ul>
Embarking or disembarking raft.	Physical injury, hypothermia, drowning	L	M	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Speak to the clients about safety issues regarding embarking and disembarking, no running or jumping on/off the raft</li> <li>▪ Before the session, check the riverbank for appropriate embarking and disembarking places on both banks. These need to be free from stinging nettles and anything else which would cause an injury.</li> <li>▪ Ensure the raft is secure against the bank when getting on and off.</li> </ul>
Further risk	Physical injury or drowning	L	H	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All risks should be minimised by continual appraisal of participants condition, the environment and equipment through dynamic risk assessment by the staff members involved.</li> <li>▪ Due to the nature of the activity some risk remains but every care must be taken to minimise this.</li> </ul>

N.B. If the Risk Assessment mentions raft please substitute bridge for the Bridge Building Risk Assessment