

Table 1

Risk Assessment - Iford Lane Site - Dorset Disabled Canoe Unit				
Date carried out:	04/08/18	Assessed by:	Mike Holgate	
HAZARD	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED?	HOW MAY THE RISK BE ADEQUATELY CONTROLLED?	WHAT FURTHER ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED?	Review comments/date
Moving traffic within compound and in outside of compound	All	Ensure that vehicles are parked away from footpaths and entrance to site. Ensure that vehicles are parked with space to allow unloading without risk to paddlers, general public or property. Ensure when parking inside site to keep central area clear. Ensure accesses to container and slipway are kept clear.	Provide active management of parking.	
Damage to equipment from moving traffic	N/A	Ensure that all equipment is kept out of corridors of traffic movement.	Control traffic movement.	
Slips and Trips on footpath to water and slip-way all of which can be slippery in wet conditions.	All	Coach/lead paddler to check access immediately prior to session and to advise paddlers accordingly. Use of rubber mats and other assistance.	Add more rubber mats.	
Injuries from lifting boats in and out of water and in and out of Container.	All	Coaches to promote safe boat handling techniques when putting boats into to and taking boats out of water.	Training for safe lifting. Review storage and shift larger/heavier craft to lower positions.	
Attack from Swans. In nesting season Swans can become aggressive and attack passers-by causing injury.	Paddlers/Others	Coaches to monitor and avoid going near the swans if aggressive behaviour is displayed. Note nest sites such as inside island. Make participants aware of the risks and monitor at all times.	Change paddle session plans	
Collision with other water users.	Paddlers	Participants should be advised to keep to the right of the river in direction of travel to avoid other users. Coach to carry whistle to be able to alert people to others presence.	Change paddle session plans	
Risks of drowning hypothermia etc.		All paddlers to wear buoyancy aids. Paddlers to wear suitable clothing to protect from cold water and cold winds. No solo paddling. Coaches and Helpers are made aware of the Safety and Rescue Briefing Note included in the Appendix.	End paddle session early	
Entrapment - fishing lines, trees or obstacles in high water levels and flows.	Paddlers	Identify potential risk and instruct participants to give fisherman and their lines a wide berth. If discarded tackle is found then coaches should carefully remove it from the river. Obstacles caused by fallen trees to be monitored. Advice given to paddlers or area of obstacle totally avoided.	Contact river authorities re: hazards found	