

Activity Risk Assessment 2021

Abstract

This document identifies the significant risks of each activity and the control measures implemented by Peak. It has been adapted from the master document '2021 Activity Operating Procedures and Risk Assessment' for access by clients.

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Version Control:

This section will list all changes and amendments made to this document from the previous document. This will aid tracking when and what changes are made.

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Introduction:

This document is designed for the benefit of Peak staff. It lays out the minimum standards to which all programmes must be delivered. It is also designed to be used by all staff, both commercial and operational, as the standards, procedures and policies with which programmes are sold, designed, administered, and managed, in terms of health and safety in addition to quality.



This guide does not negate the need for dynamic assessment and solution generation.

Health and Safety Responsibility:

The Managing Director is ultimately responsible for the management of Health & Safety. However, day-to-day responsibility is delegated to the Operations Manager and Centre Managers. Please also refer to company Health and Safety Policy.

All members of staff have a responsibility to put “Safety First” and follow all aspects of company policy and procedure.

Safety Management and Documentation:



The following documents form Peak Safety Management. All staff must ensure they have understood all relevant documentation and have contacted their line manager if they are unsure of anything.

Activity Operational Procedure and Risk Assessment – Outlining all ‘In Scope’ activity information including, risks and control measures for all ‘In Scope’ activities. Hard copy held in each centre and available through the company intranet. Document owned by the Operations Manager.

Centre Specific Information – Outlining Peak centre specific information and set up details. Available to all staff, volunteers, and Clients on request. Hard copy held in each centre and available through the company intranet. Document(s) owned by relevant Centre Manager.

Risk Assessment – Outlining risks and control measures for all ‘Out of Scope’ activities. Available to all on request. Emailed to relevant staff prior to delivery. Document(s) owned by relevant Centre Manager.

Each document is dated, all previous safety documentation must be disregarded and disposed of to prevent any reference to incorrect versions.



All staff must undertake a company induction before delivering for Peak or at the beginning of each calendar year. This will be documented with the staff record.

Document Review:

All PAS policies, procedures and guidelines will have an on-going review by all employees who use them. Furthermore, at the end of each season/year all policies, procedures and guidelines will be reviewed jointly by employees and management.

Each document owner (as outlined above) is responsible for normal maintenance of these documents and releasing updated versions, this includes notifying the relevant staff.

Definitions:

The following terms will be used through this document in their application to Peak operations:

Participant - A customer or client taking part in an activity, excluding Peak staff and volunteers.

Party Leader - An adult that is part of or accompanies the group. They are responsible for pastoral care and discipline of the group. They can also be a Participant.

Instructor - A Peak member of staff, who is responsible for the delivery of activities to groups.

Centre Manager (CM) - A Peak member of staff who is responsible for a centre / department.

Deploying Manager – The Peak Manager responsible for a job.

Abbreviations:

The following abbreviations will be used throughout this document. ‘Peak’ refers to the company Peak Activity Services Limited unless stated otherwise.

ACC	Audley Climbing Centre	ML(S)	Mountain Leader Award Summer
AST	Astbury Water sports Centre	NICAS	National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme
BC	British Canoeing	NGB	National Governing Body
CWI	Climbing Wall Instructor	RYA	Royal Yachting Association
DofE	Duke of Edinburgh	RCI	Rock Climbing Instructor
HML	Hill and Moorland Leader Award	SUP	Stand Up Paddle Boarding
MCW	Mobile Climbing Wall	TRD	Trafford Water sports Centre
MIAS	Mountain Bike Instructors Award Scheme	UDB	Underbank Activity Centre

Activity Classification:

All activities are split into 2 categories. This is specific to Peak to support effective Safety Management of all activities. Decision on activity classification must be made by the Operations Manager.

<p>Adventures Activity</p> <p>All activities of an adventurous nature. Including all activities requiring a AALS licence.</p> <p>INCLUDING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climbing, Bouldering and Abseiling (Natural and artificial) • Weaselling • High Ropes • Paddle Sports • Sailing and Wind Surfing • Power Boating • Archery • Bush craft • Navigation / Mountaineering / Orienteering • Mountain Biking 	<p>Non-Adventures</p> <p>All activities that do not fall into ‘Adventures Activity’.</p> <p>INCLUDING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Challenges • Wide Games • Football • Skate Boarding • Cooking • Fencing • Fishing • Classroom Sessions
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All 'In Scope' activities are included in the Activity Operating Procedures and Risk Assessment document; this includes listed locations for any activities not based at a Peak centre. Any activity or location not covered must be authorised by the Operations Manager prior to the session being delivered.

'Non-Adventures' activities must have an appropriate risk assessment in place and be approved by deploying Manager.

Risk Assessment Guidelines:

Peak use the following process to risk assess any activity.

Step 1: Identify the hazard	Identify the significant (non-trivial) risks. This is anything that has the <i>potential</i> to cause harm.
Step 2: Implement control measures	These are the control measures that are put in place to keep the risk to an acceptable level. Where relevant also refer to relevant NGB guidelines.
Step 3: Review the process	Peak Activity Services risk assessments are reviewed on an annual basis. Non-routine reviews are also conducted as needed.

Who may be harmed?

Peak Activity Services no-longer identify who may be harmed by the hazard. This is to simplify the process and remove ambiguity. Most hazards will impact directly on those taking part the activity, however, can have a different impact on those around (other group members watching or the public) and a knock-on effect on a much wider group including parents, medical professional, and company reputation.

Risk Likelihood and Consequence

Peak Activity Services have been advised by the Adventure Activities Licensing Service (AALS) to not attempt to use complex number systems or abbreviations in determining the likelihood and consequences of risk as it is a very subjective and inaccurate.

Control Measure:

Where control measures are needed the following hierarchy is used:

1. Removal - Elimination of task leading to risk.
2. Replacement - Substitution of task leading to risk.
3. Isolate - Engineering controls implemented to isolate the risk.
4. Method - Administrative control to change the way a task is completed to remove risk.
5. PPE - Implement the provision and use of Personal Protective Equipment

Activity Benefit:

Adventures activities such as those undertaken with Peak carry with them an inherent risk of personal injury or fatality. Where possible these risks have been assessed and appropriate control measures put in place to minimise them.

The BMC recognises that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions.

There will however always be an element of risk (both Perceived and Actual) this must be balanced with maximising the participants learning and development through each activity.

Perceived Risk - the consumer's perceptions of the uncertainty and adverse consequences of taking part in an activity. For example, the consequence of falling from 3m up a climbing wall as opposed to 30m up, the perceived risk is greater whereas the actual risk is the same.

Time Outdoors has a positive impact on your Mental Health (MountiansForTheMind.co.uk). Regular outdoor exercise can be more effective treatment than taking anti-depressants. As well as...

- Reducing stress and anxiety
- Lowers risk of depression.
- Improves Sleep Quality
- Boosts confidence and self-esteem.
- Lifts your mood.
- Increases physical health.
- Elevates relaxation levels.
- Grows your social circle

Levels of Supervision (including Party Leaders and Visiting Staff):

When working with groups it is sometimes appropriate to adapt the levels (Direct, Close and or Remote) of supervision. This is especially true when working with DofE teams.

The level of supervision must be considered by the Instructor based on the activity, Instructor and groups experience as well as the type of group.

Where remote supervision is being used the total number of people being supervised must always be kept to a manageable level and supervision must be provided in the immediate vicinity of the group. This distance may be increased if travelling between checkpoints by vehicle, however, the risk associated with check-pointing must be a consideration. Instructors must also ensure that adequate systems have been set up to monitor and communicate with the group.



Groups must be made aware of what to do in the event of an incident and or emergency before departure.

Party Leaders and Visiting Staff:

The Party Leader / accompanying adults who are responsible for the supervision of the group are not expected to have the knowledge or understanding of the activities or assist in running the session unless previously agreed in writing between both parties. It is expected that they will continue to take responsibility for the general behaviour and well-being of the group, thus allowing the Instructor to give all their time to ensuring that the group obtain maximum benefit and enjoyment from the activity.

During break times the Party Leader / accompanying adults will be responsible for supervision of the participants.

Any pastoral support or behavioural intervention required will always be the responsibility of the Party Leader / accompanying adults.

Only when there is not a Party Leader or accompanying adults (e.g., Holiday Activities) Peak staff will fill this role unless agreed in writing between both parties.

General Operating Standards:

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment – General Operating Standards	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Failure of staff to follow procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplification of procedures in a format that is accessible. • Regular monitoring and training of all staff.
Theft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to brief the Participants appropriately and that all valuables remain the responsibility of the individual. • Signage to be placed in centre notifying clients or personal risk of theft. • Group's kit to be kept separate where possible. • Centres and stores to be locked when not being supervised. • Incidents of theft to be reported internally via Unplanned Event form. Person affected to be advised to call police if deemed necessary.
Swimming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity only to be operated as part of activity session. • See Water Sport section of this document.
Drug and Alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of alcohol or illegal drugs on session is forbidden. • The consumption of alcohol is not permitted by any staff responsible for Participants. • Anyone deemed to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol will not be allowed to partake in sessions.
Falling trees and Branches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities must not take place in wooded areas where it is known there is a danger of falling trees or branches. • Peak Activity Services will seek permission from landowners and confirm safety of the site before planning any activities at that location. • Instructors must continually make dynamic risk assessments in all areas of woodland / forests particularly when operating in areas that have not been planned and pre-approved.
Collision with moving vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When boarding or exiting the vehicle, ensure that the vehicle is parked in a visible area and is not near any hazardous road conditions. • Assembly should be as far back from a road as possible, preferably on a footpath or in a suitable area, such as a field or pedestrian area. • If meeting in a car park, ensure that the group are kept together and away from where vehicles are likely to park. • Vehicle movement should be kept to a minimum around centres and groups kept away from areas of moving traffic. • Care must be taken when trailers are moved around centres and delivery sites, when reversing a spotter must be in place at the rear of the trailer. • Group to walk single file down road into oncoming traffic unless on sharp turn.
Choking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one should eat whilst on activity or be encouraged to eat overly fast.
Lifting and moving large or heavy items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are to brief all participants on the correct way to pick-up heavy materials and refer to manual handling advice. • Staff are to brief all participants, when carrying elongated equipment, they must be aware of other people around them.

Lyme Disease from Ticks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors must avoid tick prone areas where possible. • Staff must ensure Participants check themselves after being in a tick prone area. • If needed a first aider should remove a tick by: • Using tweezers or tick cards and wearing gloves. • Grab the tick as close to the skin as you can and gently pull straight up until all parts are removed. • Do not twist or jerk the tick as you are removing it, as this may cause the mouthparts to break off and - remain in the skin once the tick has been removed. • Wash your hands with soap and water. • Once the tick has been removed, clean the tick bite with soap and water, or an antiseptic wipe. • If unable to remove or any 'part' of the tick has not been removed the individual should seek further medical help. • The following <u>must not</u> be used: petroleum jelly, alcohol, or a lit match. • Staff must monitor Participants following a tick bite checking for symptoms of Lyme Disease (Drowsiness, headaches, mild fever, joint and muscle pains, swollen lymph glands) or a red rash. Medical advice must be sought if required.
Faulty Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment must be inspected by Instructors at the start and end of every session. • All equipment is logged and inspected periodically by instructors who have a relevant qualification and experience. • Anything that is not suitable for use must be labelled with details of the fault, reported to the relevant Centre Manager, and removed from service. If possible, placed in quarantine box.
Misuse of Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors must always work within their own qualification and experience. • Staff are to brief all Participants on correct use and responsibility when looking after and using safety equipment.
Domestic and Wild Animals (Many of our centres are popular locations for dog walkers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff must brief Participants to avoid aggravating domestic or wild animals that they might come across. • First aid kit available on all sessions. • Prior knowledge of any allergies. • Dogs should not be approached. Groups crowding or over petting a dog must be avoided as this can cause distress. • Staff pets are not to be brought to work.
Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aid kit available on all sessions. • Prior knowledge of any allergies.
Health and Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors must encourage Participants have a high level of cleanliness especially prior to eating any meal.
Cuts (Remote Supervision)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate first aid training prior to session to include treatment and care for major and minor cuts. • Teams to carry suitable first aid kit, including antiseptic wipes, plasters, and bandages. • Emphasize vigilance during activity, especially when crossing field boundaries or overgrown areas to avoid common hazards (e.g., barbed wire, rusty nails, brambles etc). • Encourage regular intake of food and water to ensure concentration is maintained. Many accidents occur when Participants are getting tired and/or dehydrated.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage teamwork and watching out for each other.
Sprains (Remote Supervision)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate first aid training prior to session to include prevention and treatment for sprains and strains. • Teams to carry suitable first aid kit. • Participants to be suitable equipped including footwear. • Emphasize vigilance during expedition, especially when crossing field boundaries, to avoid common hazards (e.g., climbing up and down stiles, holes/uneven ground etc). • Encourage regular intake of food and water to ensure concentration is maintained. Many accidents occur when Participants are getting tired and/or dehydrated. • Encourage teamwork and watching out for each other.
Pregnancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants exercise the greatest caution when undertaking outdoor activities. • Activities that involve the use of a harness, buoyancy aid and or any activity that has a greater than normal chance of slipping or falling pose a higher risk e.g., technical mountain biking, scrambling or activities in icy conditions. • All activities undertaken must be adapted in consultation with the Pregnant individual and their doctor. • Activities should not be undertaken past 7 ½ months.
Dog mess and Litter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity areas to be cleared before session and as often as deemed necessary.
Polluted or diseased water (Weil's Disease)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors to check site prior to use. • Instructors to monitor the conditions on the day, for example blooms of blue/green algae. • Instructors to brief the Participants where appropriate on how to avoid contracting Leptospirosis (also known as Weils disease) and the importance of seeking urgent medical attention if symptoms occur after the activity. • Instructors to ensure that Participants wash/shower after the activity, especially before handling or eating food.
Medical Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent forms or AOR must be completed prior to activities beginning. • In the absence of these forms' instruction must not begin without approval from an Operations Manager.
Geese	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geese are present at several our operating locations. They should be treated with care as they can cause damage and capsize when startled. • They also leave faeces that contain pathogens and contribute to the spread of diseases including E. coli, listeria, salmonella, and giardia. Areas should be cleared where possible (jetty's) and all clients advised to wash their hands immediately after a session.
Blue Green Algae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Green Algae occurs in fresh water and is a build-up of scum and foam on the shoreline of a blue- green- brown colour. This is due to the algae photosynthesising and creates a negative effect on the appearance and quality of the water. • Blue Green Algae usually occurs during calm, dry, warm spells of weather and the water should be checked throughout the day as it can change quickly. The toxins created by the algae can kill animals and in humans they can cause illnesses such as rashes, vomiting, diarrhoea, fever, and muscle pain if swallowed. • If blue green algae are suspected the Centre Manager must be notified. A decision on ongoing operation will be made in conjunction with the Operations Manager considering the history of the site and advise for the environment agency.

Risk Assessment – Adverse Weather	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors to consider reports ahead of sessions. • Teams are to carry suitable emergency and shelter equipment especially away from a centre. • Staff must prevent inappropriately dressed individuals from taking part in activities or endeavour to provide additional or replacement suitable clothing. • Instructors must always be prepared to adapt and change sessions according to the weather.
Hypothermia / Hyperthermia (Remote Supervision)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate first aid training prior to session to include identifying of Hypothermia / Hyperthermia and treatment. • WET ACTIVITIES: There should not be prolonged immersion in cold water and individual's cold-water tolerance to be considered. • Instructors must have an awareness of water temperature / wind chill factors. • Staff must ensure that all Participants have adequate warm and waterproof clothing for the activity. • Instructors to move activity and or ensure the following is available / being used by the team as appropriate. shelter, warm clothing, warm drinks, water, and sun cream. • Encourage regular intake of food and water to ensure concentration is maintained. Many accidents occur when Participants are getting tired and/or dehydrated. • Encourage teamwork and watching out for each other.
Dehydration and Heat Exhaustion (Remote Supervision)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate first aid training prior to session to include identifying of dehydration, Heat Exhaustion, and treatment. • If monitoring team remotely, agree regular checkpoints/meeting and provide top-up with water (if required). • Teams to carry suitable supplies of water. • Encourage regular intake of food and water to ensure concentration is maintained. Many accidents occur when Participants are getting tired and/or dehydrated. • Encourage teamwork and watching out for each other. • Ensure all Participants are suitably dressed; wear a sunhat and protection against the sun.
Sunburn (Remote Supervision)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate first aid training prior to session to include identifying of sun burn and treatment. • Staff must brief all Participants of the dangers of sunburn. • Staff must ensure that all Participants are protected from the dangers of the sun either by covering up with clothing or using sunscreen. • Teams should carry suitable first aid kit, including sun cream (minimum SPF factor of 15 is recommended). • Ensure Participants have applied sun cream at start (even if overcast!) and regularly re-apply cream during the day. • Encourage teamwork and watching out for each other.
Lightning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor based session must not be undertaken during active thunder and lightning storms. • The storm must be at least six miles away based on 1 mile per five seconds between lightning and thunder (approximately, depending on temperature and humidity) i.e.,

	<p>30 seconds between light and noise or there must be a minimum of 30 minutes from last noise before restarting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors must ensure that all participants get to safe areas during such storms and avoid equipment which may act as conductors such as tent poles.
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Risk Assessment - Buildings

Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Wet Floors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Wet floor' signs must be used when mopping. • Briefing to be used for known wet and slippery area. • Spillages mopped up as soon as possible.
Hot Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff only (signage to be used) in kitchen areas. • Signage notifying users of hot water taps.
Cleaning Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Products always put back in correct locked cupboard when not in use. Access only allowed by staff. • All chemicals to be clearly labelled and control measures / usage instructions are to be read and adhered to before use. • COSHH guidelines to be followed where relevant.
Equipment Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not stack chairs more than 5 chairs high. • Keep equipment out of way of access areas, corridors and fire exits. • All equipment is to be stored clean and tidy in line with manufacture's guidelines. • Ensure items are secured properly. • Ladders available to access high storage. • Work with others to access and move items when large, heavy, or overhead. • Manual Handling good practice to be followed. Working in teams to reduce strain to individuals.
Heating Units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not touch when on. • Do not store items on or directly next to heaters. • Ensure heaters are turned off when building is not in use.
Doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prop / latch open regular access doorways. • No running permitted within building.
Fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No naked flames in the building. • Fire extinguishers located in line with buildings fire plan and checked appropriately. • Fire exits to be clearly marked, clear from obstruction and tested regularly. • Bins are emptied regularly. • Each centre to have site specific risk assessment and emergency action plan.
Sewage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewage removed regularly. • Public access restricted in instances of sewage leaks.
Fuel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fuel to be kept locked away in external container. • No smoking near fuel. • Only trained staff are allowed access to fuel. • Fuel spillage kit available.

Risk Assessment - Electrics	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Plug sockets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only operate plugs when dry. • Sockets to be turned off when not in use. • Sockets not to be overloaded.
Use of electrical equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-use check conducted by users. • Electrical equipment subject to regular safety inspection and test ('PAT testing') • All tested appliances to be labelled showing date tested / next test date. • Fixed Installation testing (every 5 years min) and any remedial work actioned. • Records retained of these checks. • Recognised competent contractors used for repairs / maintenance. • All electrical equipment brought on to site contractors must have been electrically tested. • Mains isolating switches must be clearly labelled and accessible. • Mains powered portable equipment to be protected by RCD in higher risk situations, e.g., equipment used outside or in wet conditions, and for equipment where there is a risk of cables being severed. • Any non-RCD protected sockets to be labeled and not used for outdoor equipment, and class 1 equipment
Use of extension leads. Trip hazard Overloading External use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careful location • Enough outlets to support the range of equipment normally used. • Use extension leads and adaptors only where necessary. • Leads of suitable length and rated high enough for the job. • Use of cable covers where cables are a trip hazard. • Use 1 adaptor per socket only, adaptors should not be plugged into adaptors. • Block adaptors should not be used. • RCD (Residual Current Device) used whenever equipment is used externally. • Test RCD regularly to check that its mechanism is free and functioning. • Daily use of long leads (Vacuuming) to be done when clients are not present.
Defective Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any unsafe electrical items removed from use to secure location until properly repaired / disposed of • Visual inspections of electrical equipment prior to use. • No one must be permitted to bring their electrical equipment on to the premises unless that equipment has been electrically tested

Activity Standards and Session Content:

Archery:

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Risk Assessment - Archery	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Shooting towards others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range design and construction to be in line with Archery GB's Guidelines. • Good instruction and control of group. • Shooting at appropriate time and in correct direction. • No-one can cross the shooting line when the range is 'live' this includes photographers and to collect dropped arrows. • Bows are to be left on floor / quivers when collecting arrows, • Instructors to brief Participants on 'Emergency Stop' command and subsequent action to be taken (fast).
Bruising of forearms/fingers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct instruction on how to hold bow. • Instructors must ensure all clients arms are covered either by their clothing or an arm guard to protect against bruising. Finger tabs available and can be offered to clients.
Misuse of equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bows are not to be shot without a loaded arrow. • Arrows and bows removed from area and left in a secure location when not in use.
Wind Moving / Damaging Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure boss is tied back to stop it falling over breaking arrows. • If needed tie / weight the bottom of the net down.
Removing Arrows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrow collection is to be done with great care. • Instructors are to collect arrows if group show they cannot follow instruction Instructor must supervise retrieval and removal of arrows carefully. • Always walk. • Collect arrows as you walk down range, from boss and finally from behind (overshoot) • Approach boss from side • Use two hands (on to hold boss still and one to pull arrow) • When walking with arrows hold the piles and arrows out to one side. Drop arrow if trip so as not to fall onto.
Trapped hair / Clothing / Piercings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shooters clothing and hair should be tied back / kept out of the way to ensure it is not trapped in any part of the bow. • All Piercings must be covered, and caution taken to avoid any chance of catching in bow string
Stringing Bows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All bows must be strung using correct techniques (Use 'bow stringers' provided) not by twisting around legs.

Risk Assessment – MOBILE ARCHERY	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Damaging Grass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning to clients of potential damage. • Wooden blocks to be used at bottom of support posts to spread weight if needed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakes to be positioned at 45 degrees to angle of pull and removed carefully. • Staff to flatten and repair any divots created.
Net / posts falling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net to be taken down and activity stopped in high winds. • Net to be constructed in line with procedure with care. Instructors to lower poles carefully.
Heavy Lifting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors to consider Manual Handling Procedure and lifting with care. • Adequate time before and after session to set up and clear down.

Bushcraft

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Risk Assessment - Bushcraft	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Cuts, scrapes, bruises, and splinters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 10's are not to use a knife, saw or axe at any time. • Instructors should dynamically assess the use of knives, saws and axes considering the following: group experience, control, behaviour, weather, materials, and environment. • Anyone using a knife, saw or axe should have close supervision and be a safe distance from other Participants.
Heavy materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff must brief all Participants on the correct way to pick-up heavy materials and refer to Manual Handling Procedure. • Staff must brief all Participants that when carrying elongated equipment, they must be aware of other people around them.
Drinking water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors need to ensure tap water is used and mixes with gravy granules, food colouring or sweets to look dirty and show the process. • Instructors must ensure Participants do not drink un-purified water. • Instructors to ensure Participants are briefed on the dangers of water and avoid wherever possible.
Drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors to ensure Participants are briefed on the dangers of water and avoid wherever possible.
Fire lighting (open Fires)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fires may only to be lit under close supervision by Instructors, only in pre-determined areas and only if enough resources are available to extinguish the fire. • Any fire is always to be closely supervised by staff and adherence to any individual campsite rules. • All campfires must be extinguished prior to departure from the site. • Participants must be briefed not to smoke or cook in, or close to, any shelter or other accommodation. • There must be a designated cooking area for each camping area and a separate fuel area set up away from cooking area. • Participants to be made aware of the need to walk around fires and be cautious not to catch clothing on fire. • Instructors to keep Participants with flammable clothing away from fires.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the event of a fire needing to be extinguished mid burn a large stick or pole should be used to spread the fire out, once spread-out water must be used to fully extinguish and remove any residual heat.
Cooking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Expedition and Cooking section of this document.
Kelly Kettles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extreme care is to be taken when using this piece of equipment. Instructors must make participants aware the whole thing becomes hot and can spit boiling water. Appropriate gloves must be worn when placing on and off fire. If fitted with a cork / bung this must be removed before Caution must be taken to ensure equipment does not fall over spilling boiling water. Peak owned Kelly kettles shall have their cork replaced with a block of wood.
Collapsing Shelters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shelter frames should only be built using sound wood and best practice methods. Shelter frames should be tested before covering.

Climbing, Abseiling and Bouldering

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment – Climbing and Abseiling	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Falling from the edge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors must make sure they keep themselves safe when setting up the activity close to the edge of the crag e.g., use personal safety line Staff must ensure that all Participants are always properly briefed and supervised if at the top of a crag. Instructors must ensure that the remainder of the team are at least 10 meters from any edge when abseiling is taking place. Instructors must ensure that the abseil participant is secured to the safety rope before committing to abseil.
Falling objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helmets must always be worn when Climbing, Bouldering, Scrambling, Weaselling or Abseiling on natural rock. A safe area must be established away from the activity. Helmets must be worn until Participants are in this area. Instructors must brief the Participants on action to take if accidentally kicking a loose rock (i.e., shout 'below') and action to take if you hear 'below' being shouted. Staff must ensure the edge of the crag is reasonably clear of debris before setting up the activity.
Fall whilst un-roped	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff must ensure Participants do not climb without a rope attached or when unsupervised. Staff must supervise all Participants when scrambling up to or down from the top of the crag.
Slips, trips, and falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff must brief and ensure all Participants do not run around the climbing site and to be careful when walking around.
Other groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group to be briefed / reminded of crag etiquette, and appropriate behaviour.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If needed, the location (route or crag) to be used can be changed.
Harnesses and helmets incorrectly fitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors must ensure that all Participants are shown and briefed in the correct fitting of all climbing equipment. Instructors to inspect all equipment at the start of the session, each time this equipment is put on and prior to an individual climbing or abseiling. Participants work in a buddy system to check each other and are then checked by the Instructor.
Hair or clothing trapped in equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before commencing activity, Instructors must ensure all Participants tuck away or tie back long hair, loose clothing and draw cords from jackets. Releasable abseils set up's must be used.
Rope burns or finger entrapment in knots/belay devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The speed of abseil is controlled by the Instructor to minimise rope burn. Instructor to brief the Participants on the possibility of rope burn when belaying or abseiling. Instructor to brief Participants to keep their fingers clear of the Italian Hitch or belay device, whilst belaying or abseiling.
Incorrect attachment of rope to harness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gear loops to be removed from harnesses (where cutting is not needed) to reduce the possibility of these being used as a rope attachment point. Correct training and experience using harnesses. Wherever practical climbers should be tied onto the rope using a re-threaded figure of eight and stopper knot.
Lost tracer / Replacing fallen ropes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All tracers are to be replaced in line with working at height regulations. Only qualified and experienced staff should replace tracers.
Inversion / Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear instructions to be given. Instructors to ensure correct use and fitting of equipment. Safety rope must always be used when abseiling. Chest harness or Full body Harness where needed (i.e., oversized Participants).
The belay device and Peer belaying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors must always hold the 'dead rope' when Participants are being lowered from the top of a climb. Instructors will belay or will closely monitor the Participants belaying themselves. Instructors to train the Participants in the correct techniques to belay (and then supervise).
Belay lighter than Climber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set a semi direct anchor for the belayer and ballast bag. As a last resort people holding their harness (not gear loop)
Risk Assessment – BURBAGE NORTH	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing additional to add
Risk Assessment – THE ROACHES	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Falling from boulders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors to keep good group control and be aware of boulders on edge.

Water hazard at Doxy Pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise the group about the dangers of open pools of water; where necessary keep the group away from the 'pool'.
Risk Assessment – WINDGATHER	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Loose rock around bouldering area and less frequently used climbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group briefed that climbs with loose tops are to be avoided. Helmets worn at all times.
Stiles, walls, and fences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups briefed only to cross fences and walls where stiles and gates allow.
Risk Assessment – STANAGE POPULAR	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing additional to add
Risk Assessment – WHARNCLIFFE ROCKS	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to add
Risk Assessment – ARITFICIAL CLIMBING	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Spinning holds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff must address loose or spinning holds as soon as possible. Route-setters are to ensure that adequate bolt lengths are used and that over tightening is avoided.
Risk Assessment – BOULDERING	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Falls whilst bouldering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors are to brief the Participants in the correct techniques for bouldering. Participants will not go above a height that is comfortable for them and cannot step off. Spotters must always be used when Participants are bouldering.
Bouldering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole team to be briefed and implement appropriate spotting technique. Participants only to boulder under supervision of Instructor. The use of bouldering mats does not negate the need to use appropriate spotting.

Mobile Climbing Wall(s):

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment – MOBILE CLIMBING WALL	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Towing Vehicle/Trailer Impact with persons or structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experienced driver. Cat E licence where needed. Suitable towing vehicle. Incident Reporting & Review System in place. Vehicle and trailer will be positioned in a safe place near the wall. There will be a temporary cordon around them to guide the public away from them to ensure safety.
Accessing pedestrian areas Impact with persons or structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hazard lights turned-on. Movement at walking pace (5mph). Reversing with aid from a spotter in an appropriate safe position. Suitability of site. Incident Reporting & Review System in place.
Moving parts of the wall during setup Impact with persons or structures. Trapping/Crushing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trained operators. Safe working zone. Level site, suitable. Required maintenance carried out as appropriate. Wall will arrive on site 1 hour prior to the commencement of any event to ensure public safety.
Instability of structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level site – firm. Wall not erected in exposed locations or in winds over Force 5. The wall is of sound structure and suitable for 3.5 tonne of additional weight. Regular checks on harnesses and lines to be conducted before each event.
Unauthorised access and falling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlled access and supervision.
Damage to fabric components / equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Smoking near equipment. Equipment stored correctly away from contaminates. Regular defect checks.
Damage to ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall design ensures spreads weight. Wall / Vehicles are not to be driven or erected on soft ground where tyres or climbing wall 'feet' may sink. Instructors to dynamically assess area for potential ground damage and discuss with client. Any damage to grounds to be repaired by client – confirmed in booking conditions.
Conflict between wall users.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group management. Zero tolerance towards violence, drug & alcohol abuse. Supervision of users will be strict to ensure no conflict occurs between users.
Lightning Strike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trained operators. Check weather forecast. Do not erect in hostile conditions. Take down immediately when appropriate.

Overhead obstacles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained staff to set up wall. • Ensure that site visits are undertaken where necessary. • Hazard checks prior to erecting the wall. • Pay attention to over-head cables and power lines.
Supervision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of two climbing Instructors who hold relevant climbing accreditation/qualifications. Qualifications to be made available on date of a booking. Not before the event date due to scheduling

Bridge Abseil

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment – BRIDGE 75	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Leader falling whilst setting up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peak Activity Services must ensure that the Instructor is briefed about making themselves safe when setting up the activity close to the edge of the bridge.
Falling from the edge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peak Activity Services staff must ensure that all Participants are always properly briefed and supervised if at the top of a bridge. • Peak Activity Services staff must ensure that the abseil Participant is secured to the safety rope before stepping over the handrails.
Falling items/objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helmets must be worn at all times when abseiling. • Remove personal items from pockets before activity. • Caution to be taken (stay to sides) with others looking over the edge and dropping things

Weaselling:

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment - WEASELLING	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Fall from height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPA or ML qualified and in-house trained leader and prior knowledge of route. • Safe height limit. • Spotter system to be introduced if required. • Landing area inspected and protected if required. • Group briefed on safe landing techniques.
Falling items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All loose clothing to be secured and helmets to be worn at all times.
Banging / Scraping Body Parts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helmets to be worn at all times and Participants to wear appropriate clothing to protect skin.

Expeditions and Cooking:

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment -EXPEDITION AND COOKING	
Hazzard	Control Measure(s)
Fire and/or burn injuries from stoves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate training in the use of appropriate stoves and fuel. • Ensure no ball games or running in the vicinity of cooking area. • All stoves to be at least 3 METRES away from tents. • Water to be kept nearby to douse any flames. • Supervision by leaders/staff during cooking. • Participants should be made aware of agreed Fire Assembly Point on arrival at Camp. • There must always be a minimum of 1 Leader per 2 teams in the cooking area to supervise when anyone is cooking. • Methylated Spirits must be stored in a fuel dump at least 3 metres from cooking area. • Fuel (Gas & Methylated Spirits) must not be stored inside tents, especially whilst cooking. • Teams must cook away from tents. In the event of deteriorating weather conditions, the leaders are to designate a safe cooking, and ensure closer supervision is provided during the activity.
Contaminated and cross contaminated food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate training on hygiene during camp craft session. • Disposal of waste food & packaging in bins on-site. • Washing-up to be done in designated areas. • Food to be purchased from reputable suppliers only. Food 'Best Before' and 'Use By' dates to be followed. • All food to be cooked to correct temperature in line with food hygiene advice. • Where staff are cooking for others, they must hold a basic food hygiene certificate. • All utensils to be cleaned and sterilised before each use and if dropped on the floor. • Foods to be stored separately, in containers where needed, following provider's guidelines. Salads and other ready to eat food stuffs should be stored above raw meats in the fridge to prevent contamination.
Food handler borne pathogens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food handlers to keep cuts etc. covered. Food handlers must not participate if they have had any food related illness, diarrhoea etc. in the last 48 hours. • Good hygiene practices to be observed.
Toilet and washing facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that there are adequate and secure toilet facilities. • Where possible, ensure that there are separate male & female toilets. • Ensure that access to the toilets is well lit, to avoid any risk of injury or "stranger danger". • Wild camping does not have secure toilets, Participants will be suitably trained prior to expedition on hygiene and code of conduct in line with best practice and local law.
Infection from drinking water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure any drinking water is taken from proper dedicated tap on site and that this is well labelled. • Do not use water to drink from any tap that is not labelled as suitable for drinking. • If there is no drinking water available, boil up all water supplies and add water purification tablets. Follow the instructions provided with the tablets. • Always carry a supply of bottled water in the event of no suitable drinking water being available or is contaminated.

BBQ / Stove Gas Leak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual inspection immediately before use. • Check that taps work correctly. • Check that taps are turned off before connecting to gas cylinder. • Check that the gas cylinder is in good condition and is within its test period for use (testing is required every 10 years). • Check that pipes are in good condition. • Check that there is no gas leakage. • Rectify any faults before igniting burners. • Use safe manual handling techniques to avoid muscle strain.
Cooking surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not overload the BBQ to avoid excessive amounts of fat and oil build up. • Use suitable BBQ utensils to handle food. • The BBQ supervised at all times. • Place cardboard under BBQ to prevent damage to tiles or other surfaces under BBQ.
Protection of equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use safe manual handling techniques. • Turn off gas securely. • Do not touch hot surfaces.
Open Fires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please see Bush craft Risk Assessment
Abduction of minors from camp site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp site should be monitored for unusual activities. • Ensure adequate supervision of Participants under the age of 18s by leaders/ client staff overnight. • Where there are lower numbers of teaching staff, Expedition Leaders will be required to camp overnight on site, approx. 100m distance away from group. • For Bronze & Silver Level Expeditions try to use DoFE recommended camp sites wherever possible.
Hypothermia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On arrival at camp, ensure that the team put up their tents straight away to provide shelter if the weather becomes bad. • Ensure that the team set up their stove and make a hot drink as soon as they arrive. • Ensure that if Participants are wet, they change into dry clothes on arrival at camp. • Ensure that all Participants eat a hot meal to replenish the energy lost during the expedition. • Ensure that Participants wear warm clothes once the day draws to a close – it will get cold later at night, even on a hot summer’s day. • Ensure that Participants protect their head whilst sleeping, to prevent hypothermia setting in during the night.
Severe Inclement Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the event of very heavy/torrential rain, if there is an appropriate shelter on-site, such as a bunkhouse or unused caravan, then this should be used as a shelter for the team(s). • If there is no appropriate shelter on-site, but there is suitable shelter nearby, then this may be used at the discretion of the, leaders, client staff and/or assessors. • If no suitable shelter is available, ensure group are in their tents, and that the tents are well pitched, and guy ropes are attached. Ensure no equipment is left out, and that Participants are wearing appropriate waterproofs when outside their tents. Ensure all access to/from tents is kept to a low level to try to avoid wet clothing and large muddy patches around tent doors.

First aid courses

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment – FIRST AID COURSES	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Quality of provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only qualified first aid trainers to be used.• All courses to be governed by regulated body and follow associated guidelines
Cross Contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All mannequins to be wiped down, inside mouth and around face, using appropriate manikin wipes between users.• All equipment to be cleaned at start of each course and stored appropriately including mannequin lungs.• All bandages that encounter bodily fluids to be disposed of appropriately.• Software (including bandages and internal parts of the mannequin) to be replaced as required.
Auto Injectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only training devices to be present• All devices to be checked against a hard surface before use
AED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only training devices to be present• All devices to be checked as training devices before use
Hypothermia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roll mats to be used when acting as casualties on cold surfaces.• Appropriate clothing to be worn
Emotional Trauma	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trainer to consider use of pictures, videos, and stories, to be appropriate and relevant to the learning outcomes.• Trainers to be sensitive and consider learning styles.• Trainers to pre-warn clients of any graphic content
Un-necessary force used in training scenario	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When practicing choking procedures clients must only simulate procedure, unless a 'choking vest' is in use.• CPR or Rescue Breaths only to be performed on a manikin
Miss identification of scenario / real injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trainer to clearly frame a training scenario any other to be treated as real.• Trainer to monitor client throughout course

High Ropes:

Due to the variety and nature of high ropes there is no generic information for this activity. All information relating to High Ropes must be contained within the relevant Location Specific Information.

Reference must also be made to the section 'Climbing and Abseiling' as many of the same risks and control measures are applicable to this activity.

Mountain Biking:

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment – MOUNTAIN BIKING	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Injury caused by equipment malfunction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company owned bikes, maintained by experienced mechanic. • All suspect bikes taken out of service and tagged. Bike maintenance schedule in place. All bike maintenance recorded. • Instructor to check each bike prior to any clients riding the bikes.
Fall from bike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGB assessed or in-house assessed leader. • Good sizing of bike. • Prior knowledge of route. • Helmets to be worn always while on the bike. • Gloves are advised to be worn by riders. • Good control of group and clear briefing. Clients briefed to ride with caution on loose surfaces / gravel paths.
Items caught in the bike.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply day sacks for personal belongings. • Loose clothing secured.
Collisions with objects and other trail users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGB assessed or in-house assessed leader. • All venues risk assessed. • Clients briefed about hazards and how to act around other trail users.
Becoming Lost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior knowledge of the route. • NGB assessed or in-house assessed leader. • Relevant correct equipment carried. • Office aware of planned route and inform of departure and return. • Ensure that the Instructor is aware of where they are always located. • Map and Compass is part of the day kit when orienteering.
Competence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different sections of the forest require different levels of ability. If a group stumble upon a trail they are unsure about they should get off and walk or the Instructor will take the nearest exit from the trail.
Car park / road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give Participants brief on their location. • Keep group at back of vehicle, on the car park. • Cycle them single file down road. • On the road have a group leader at the front and back. If there is only one Instructor, then they should be positioned behind the group.
Forestry Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a working forest, the Instructor needs to stay vigilant and aware of working that maybe taking place. • Information can be found upon the Sherwood Forest Website. • The group should be kept well clear of any location where work is being carried out.
Tree/Low vegetation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make them aware in a group briefing that there may be instances of low vegetation. • An Instructor should lead from the front of the group in circumstances like this. • Check with the hire venue for any areas that maybe a known problem.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If wind warnings have been issued for this specific area, then the group should not enter the forest.
Ground Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If weather has been cold and icy, great care is to be taken or the activity is to be cancelled. If winds are blustery, or consistently strong, it must take into consideration that the activity is to be cancelled or postponed due to the nature of the venue. Instructor to carry the appropriate equipment for the activity including bad weather at the times.
General Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trails are often open to the public, Instructor will give a briefing on etiquette and behaviour.

Paddle Sports (including Raft Building):

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment – PADDLE SPORTS	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Cold and immersion injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor to ensure that Participants do not spend too much time in the water. Staff to monitor Participants who have been immersed for cold injury symptoms.
Hypothermic and Hyperthermia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Participants and Instructors must always wear suitable clothing when afloat (dry suits or equivalent during the winter). Appropriate safety equipment to be at hand. Weather forecast checked in advance; sessions will be cancelled if conditions on the day are considered particularly adverse. Suspected sufferers to be taken off the water immediately. On site access to changing rooms with warm shower facilities and shade. Clients advised to bring change of clothing in case of immersion. In very hot weather, Instructors check that sunscreen is in use, hats are worn and that there is plenty of drinking water available for all Participants.
Drowning and ability to swim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants must not be forced to take part in water-based activities. All Participants must wear a buoyancy aid when taking part in the activity. Participants are allowed not to wear helmets in open boat when paddling on long flat sections; however, helmets must be worn when playing games, capsizing or when paddling on moving water. Instructed sessions are structured and supervised by an appropriately experienced member of staff. Suitable rescue craft on the water in a position to affect a rescue. All boats and paddles to be checked by an experienced member of staff before going afloat. No board shall go outside the designated area.
Capsize, entrapment and entanglement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate safety boat(s) will be used where needed. When rafting boats together, Instructors must ensure improvised rafts are 'seaworthy' prior to launch, to prevent injuries and entanglement from collapsing or clam-shelling. Instructors must brief all Participants about the dangers of entrapment. Instructors must be in a position of maximum usefulness.

Drifting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors to recognise and then use sites that limit the dangers associated with drifting. • Instructors to monitor the wind conditions on the day.
Person overboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Participants on the water must be wearing a buoyancy aid. • Instructors to be in a position of maximum usefulness.
Paddling off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group control and good active leadership. • Give clear instructions of where to wait and session boundaries. • All instructors to carry a whistle to attract attention of this far away
Paddling over 'overflows' on reservoirs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors to consider the groups route choice and avoid such areas. • Instructors to be aware of site's specific hazards and where available a water hazards map.
Fishermen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors to conduct a dynamic risk assessment and adapt a Dynamic Route where needed. • Teams to avoid fishing line and upsetting fishermen. • Maintain high levels of communication and Report any issues to relevant Centre Manager. • Remove and dispose of any tackle that has been left.
Lifting injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors must brief Participants on proper lifting techniques as recommended by the Health and Safety Executive and BC. • Instructors must ensure that there are at least two people carrying any heavy equipment such as kayaks, canoes, or wooden spars.
Fall or slip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors must brief the Participants on the risks involved with wet walkways, slipways, and inappropriate footwear.
Head injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors must brief Participants not to dive or jump into the water other than during controlled sessions. • Instructors must use their judgement and experience when deciding whether clients should use helmets or not. Instructors must consider NGB advice, type of craft, numbers, weather (wind), location (any overhanging objects), previous experience and the session plan. It is normal practice for Kayakers to be wearing helmets. • Instructors must brief the Participants on the correct use of paddles. • Instructors must establish that the water is deep enough, before capsizing and/or rescue drills can take place.
Cuts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors must brief the Participants of the danger of cuts & large splinters from water-based equipment and objects underwater. • Appropriate footwear to be worn to prevent cuts on feet
Other water users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors must be aware of all other users in proximity and brief Participants accordingly. Special care should be exercised around powered craft and fishermen.
Collision / impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors must brief the Participants on the dangers involved in collisions and impacts. So as not to deliberately collide with each other. • Setting of area to be used. • Helmets use as above • Competent Instructor and safety briefing. • Close supervision and group control.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wherever possible groups should be separated and operate in different areas.
Upper torso injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buoyancy aids must always be worn during the activity. • Instructors must establish that the water is deep enough, before capsizing and/or rescue drills can take place.
Drowning if pinned under capsized raft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief Clients how to hold on to capsizing craft. • Staff should be in suitable craft and have ready access to a rope knife and be prepared to enter the water to affect a rescue. • Boats are to be maintained to ensure limbs cannot be entrapped where possible.
Loss of equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All relevant equipment must be suitably waterproofed where relevant. • Instructors must ensure that all equipment is secured to the craft or are buoyant. • Instructors must carry a spare paddle when carrying out any water activity.
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Leashes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leashes are not to be used by participants unless deemed necessary for the session by the instructor. • Leash use must not interfere with any rescue, alternative methods should be found.
General Injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All equipment to be checked by an Instructor, before going afloat. • Participants are warned of the hazards inherent in Stand-Up Paddling. These issues are reinforced during session at the appropriate time. • Paddlers to drop to knees when in proximity or near the edge. • Good supervision and brief on hazards of proximity activities. • Ensure adequate spacing of boards during balancing exercises. • Participant briefing identifies the risk of falling and the board being propelled in opposite direction. • All Participants are required to wear appropriate footwear ashore and afloat.
Collision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paddlers to drop to knees when near each other or edges.
RIVER JOURNEYS	
Moving water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors must ensure that the Participants understand the nature and additional risks of the Programme or Expedition, especially in relation to water confidence.
Weirs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams will not paddle weirs if possible. • Weirs can only be approved for navigation by the Technical Adviser.
Graded water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable BC qualified Instructors to be used in relation to the grade of water in question. • Participants will only be allowed to paddle on graded water that compliments their ability. • Instructors must assess the Participant's ability prior to moving onto graded water. • Instructors must brief the Participants before entering sections of graded water including advised lines, finishing point and signals.
Capsize and entrapment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants are to show competence in capsize procedures prior to navigating into graded water. • Instructors to brief Participants on defensive swimming.
Underwater obstructions, shallow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors to be fully conversant with the Assessment and seek advice on local conditions if they are not familiar with the area.

water, trees, and obstacles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors to continually monitor the hazards. • Instructors to brief Participants on the system to be adopted should there be a need to get to a safe area quickly. • As per industry best practice and British Canoeing guidelines Instructors must be in a position of maximum usefulness.
Raft Building	
Trapping fingers and other limbs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing and supervision. Check raft for trap potential before use. Secure loose rope before use. • All Instructors must always carry an appropriate knife
Head injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants should not remove their helmet until the raft has been dismantled.
Hit by loose timber/Paddles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear instruction from Instructor • Inspection of craft. • Helmets to be worn when raft is being constructed and/or Participants briefed not to lift any item above waist height. • Clear instructions on how to appropriately hold a paddle when in use.
Drowning if pinned under capsized raft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief Participants not to hold onto capsizing raft. • Staff should be in suitable rescue craft, to have ready access to a rope knife and be prepared to enter the water to complete a rescue. • Ensure rope loops are not able to trap limbs before the raft goes on the water.
Manual handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to brief Participants on safe lifting techniques and ensure all lifts are carried out safely
Drifting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors to consider areas of use to reduce the dangers associated with drifting. • Instructors to monitor the wind conditions on the day. • Whilst rafting and under certain conditions Instructors may feel that it is appropriate to tether the raft.
Raft Falling apart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors must ensure improvised rafts are 'seaworthy' prior to launch, to prevent injuries and entanglement from collapsing.

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment – SAILING, WINDSURFING AND POWER BOATING	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Drowning and ability to swim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants must not be forced to take part in water-based activities. Instructors must ensure that all Participants wear a buoyancy aid when taking part in the activity. Instructors driving the powerboat must hold the appropriate certificate or be under direct supervision of an appropriately qualified powerboat Instructor. Safety boats should be loaded evenly with passengers and equipment. Safety boats must not be overloaded above the manufacturer’s guidelines according to that boat. Everyone in the powerboat must be seated whilst it is in motion.
Cold and immersion injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors must ensure that Participants do not spend too much time in the water or in cold winds. Instructors are to monitor Participants who have been immersed for cold injury symptoms.
Fall or slip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors must brief the Participants on the risks involved with wet walkways, slipways, and inappropriate footwear.
Cuts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors must brief the Participants of the danger of cuts & large splinters from water-based equipment.
Capsize, entrapment and entanglement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors must brief all Participants about what to do in the event of capsizing and about the dangers of entrapment. Instructors must be in a position of maximum usefulness. Instructors will use a safety boat per sailing group as set out by the RYA guidelines. Sails to be reefed if wind deemed too strong. Mast head flotation is always to be used and only removed at the Chief Instructor discretion. Instructors prepared to ‘rite’ the boat as soon as possible by ‘swinging’ on dagger board, then deal with entrapment
Collision with other boats/ equipment/ under water hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The safety boat should only be driven by staff with RYA Level 2 as a minimum. Peak Activities Staff driving powerboats should always adhere to the IRPCS (International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea). Powerboats are only to be used as part of the operations of the centre and not for personal enjoyment. Helmets worn based on nature of group, weather, and activities. Competent leader and safety briefing. Close supervision and group control. Wherever possible groups should be separated and operate in different areas. Instructors must brief the Participants not to deliberately collide with each other. Instructors must brief the Participants on the dangers involved in collisions and impacts.
Lifting Injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors must brief Participants on proper lifting techniques as recommended by the Health and Safety Executive. Instructors must ensure that there are at least two people carrying or moving any heavy equipment such as boats, and masts. Any heavy boats on trolleys must have an

	appropriately trained person leading the movement of the boat and at least one other person assisting.
Head Injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helmets are to be worn by beginner, children, sailing groups. • Instructors are to give thorough safety briefings before commencing the sessions. • Safety boat drivers to be aware of their surroundings when rescuing craft. • Instructors must brief Participants that there will be no diving or jumping into the water unless under Instructors supervision.
Drifting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors to monitor the wind conditions on the day. • Sails are to be reefed if wind is deemed too powerful. • Operating areas to be agreed between staff accounting for the wind and other water users. • Safety cover will be an appropriately qualified Peak Activity Services Instructor in a Power Boat.
POWER BOATING	
Propeller Injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powerboats are to be driven by appropriately qualified Instructors or Participants under direct supervision of an appropriately qualified Powerboat Instructor. • Kill cords should always be worn by the driver when the engine is running. • Powerboats should be checked before use including kill cord functioning correctly, appropriate equipment available in the powerboat as set out in the RYA guidelines. • Powerboats should be loaded with passengers evenly and within the manufacturer's guidelines.
SAILING	
Multiple simultaneous capsizes/ windsurfers in the water.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Boat drivers and session Instructors must hold the appropriate qualifications and training. • A safety boat shall attend each capsized as soon as possible and confirm the immediate safety of each Participant. • Participants are to be rescued prior to the craft. • Onshore assistance communicated via whistle OR radio communication.
Entrapment caused by total inversion of the sailing boat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Sailing boats to be rigged with mast head floatation's. Only to be removed at the discretion of the day's Senior instructor. • Safety boat must confirm the immediate safety of each participant. • Safety boat driver must right the inverted boat immediately to free anyone trapped.

Walking (including Orienteering):

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment – WALKING	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Falling on steep, wet, or slippery ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors to stay on terrain in accordance with their qualifications and experience. • Suitable footwear to be correctly worn by all • All Participants to be briefed on correct foot placement. • All Participants to be briefed on the dangers associated with a heavy rucksack. • Specific hazards i.e. mine shafts and quarries are notified to all Instructors where known.
Being hit by a rock fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No activities are to be conducted in areas prone to rock falls. • All Participants to be briefed on action to take if accidentally dislodging a rock (i.e., shout "below") and the action to take if you hear "below" being shouted.
Falling into water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routes to be carefully planned to avoid rivers with no obvious means of crossing or streams prone to becoming swollen in very wet weather. • Groups must use a bridge to cross a river • Groups may use steppingstones, but caution and thought must be given to distance apart and slipperiness. • If none of the above options are available to cross a river safely the group must turn around and change their route. • Instructors must not conduct 'wet' river crossings under any circumstance
Collapsing dry stone walls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Participants to be briefed on the dangers of leaning and climbing on dry stone walls. • Instructors to ensure that a dry-stone wall is safe before conducting any activity near it or sheltering behind it.
Falling off stiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Participants to be briefed on the dangers of crossing stiles. • Peak Activity Services to supervise crossing and if necessary, deploy spotters, especially in wet or icy conditions.
Being hit by vehicles whilst walking along roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups are to avoid roads except when necessary. • Instructors to consider crossing point, considering bends, blind corners, speed limits and visibility before crossing. • Groups must walk in single file on roads. • Instructors must supervise road crossings closely. • Walking at night should not be planned. • Participants to be briefed on how to best walk on roads. Hi-Vis to be available if deemed necessary.
Lost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior knowledge of orienteering sites. • NGB assessed or in-house assessed leader carrying correct equipment. • Clients briefed on what to do if they become lost. • Clients to carry emergency lighting and whistle

Injuries caused by branches / nettles / brambles etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate clothing for the activity and weather conditions. Participants to be warned of hazard and advised on best routes where appropriate. Safe choice of course by staff.
Flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the group have planned to walk alongside rivers, there is a risk of flash flooding because of any heavy rain/storms. • Routes must be checked at least 2 weeks before expedition to identify any potential risks. • Team(s) should be advised by Leader during initial briefing, and alternative route used or re-planned to avoid potential hazards. • Move team(s) to higher level away from rivers. Also avoid deep valleys/re-entrants where standing water may collect.
PARTICIPANTS	
Low Level of fitness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities are planned with ability level of the group in mind. • Staff must monitor the group and individuals throughout the Programme and be prepared to tailor the itinerary accordingly.
Carrying a heavy rucksack - Back Injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants rucksacks should not be more than one third of their body weight or 15kg. • Groups are to help each other when putting heavy rucksacks on and off.
Getting lost (individuals and group) or participant being separated from the team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior knowledge of orienteering sites. • NGB assessed or in-house assessed leader carrying correct equipment. • Participants briefed on what to do if they become lost. • All Instructors to be aware of Peak Activity Services Overdue / Missing Group Procedure. • All Participants to be briefed about the correct procedures in the event of individuals or group becoming lost i.e., remain where they are until found. • Groups must devise and use a method of ensuring that nobody is missing, whilst actively monitoring the group e.g., roll call.
Getting lost under remote supervision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before departing, ensure "Emergency Blue Card" has been completed with Leaders Mobile Phone and Location, and that this has been issued to the teams(s). • Leader in charge of the team(s) must ensure that they have recorded the mobile phone number of 1 member of the team(s). This mobile must be fully charged and switched on throughout the expedition day. • The Leader must be advised of any change to the teams' dedicated mobile phone number during the expedition. • Regular checkpoints are to be established where the Leader must meet up with the team(s). It is recommended that these are more frequent during Bronze. • Each team should have at least 2 appropriate maps of the area, each with their route marked on the map. Ideally, these maps should be 1:25000 and laminated. • Before setting off, the Leaders must check that the route marked on all maps is identical and that the leader knows exactly which route the team intend to take. • The team must be advised that they cannot purposely change their route unless prior agreement with the Supervisor (and Assessor if on a Qualifying Expedition). • At no time should the team panic if they get lost, advice should be given that they should identify appropriate landmarks and get themselves back on course as soon as they can. • All members of the team should be encouraged to follow the route. Ideally, if A4 laminated copies of route are available (via mapping software), then each member of the team should have a copy.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the team are lost and have no means of identifying where they are, or visibility is poor, then they should try to contact the Leader using the mobile phone number issued on the Blue Card. • Group advised to use Ordnance Survey, 'OS Locate' app on smart phone
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COVID-19 Risk Assessment

This document is meant to support the operational delivery of activities and centres. Although it does not supersede the need to follow any Safety Management Documentation (Activity Operational Procedures and Risk Assessment).

The assessment below has been developed based on the following principles:

- That we will act together to ensure the safety and reassurance of all staff, Participants, and clients.
- Having entered a period of sustained, community transmission, all staff and clients are approached as potentially carrying Covid-19.
- PPE will be recommended according to evidence of efficacy and assessment of clinical risk and considering the availability. PPE does not negate the need for social distancing and hand and respiratory hygiene.
- Items, areas, or equipment including PPE will take 72 hours untucked to be deemed clean, this is based on DMM and Petzl advise.

Please call ahead of visiting another building / venue / centre and ensure you are aware of any additional procedure put in place in that building.

Definitions:

Disinfect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of appropriate spray or wipes to kill and remove dirt or possible traces of Covid-19. • Soap and water, and regular handwashing for at least 20 seconds, is the best way of keeping hands clean. However, hand sanitizer can be effective if soap is not available, or the situation makes using soap less feasible (for example, when outside), but using hand sanitizer provides none of the virus-destroying friction that rubbing your hands together and rinsing with water provides.
Bubble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single household OR A support bubble as set out in law i.e., a two single adult households merge OR An educational / care bubble where the same group are together for a long period of time for educational reasons

Risk Assessment:

Risk Assessment – Covid-19	
Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Staff not having appropriate knowledge on virus,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff to keep themselves updated and follow the latest Government and Public Health England/NHS guidelines. • Company emails / letters and updates including current advice sent to all staff.

transmission and risk leading to increased transmission of covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage installed at each centre / activity with the latest Peak advise this includes the latest Government and Public Health England / NHS guidelines.
Contagious people coming into a centre leading to increased transmission of covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone showing the symptoms (new continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a change to, your sense of smell or taste), should not come to a centre or session and should follow the relevant government protocols at home and before coming back. • Staff must inform their line manager if contacted by 'track and trace' or following close contact with someone isolating. • Peak will tell staff and potential visitors, including customers and contractors, not to enter the centre if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or if they should be self-isolating. • Anyone living in a household where someone is showing symptoms should stay at home in line with government protocols.
Increased transmission of virus on client arrival at centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff, participants, and clients to be encouraged to consider how they arrive at the centre, and reduce any unnecessary travel on coaches, buses, or public transport. Walking, cycling and individual use of cars to be encouraged. • Handwashing on arrival to be encouraged.
Sharing a vehicle where social distancing is not possible leading to increased transmission of covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When having to travel for business related please only travel when this is essential. • Where sharing a vehicle is unavoidable or when transporting clients, it is accepted that social distancing is not possible however the following must be considered • Wipe down the car before and after the visit has taken place e/g steering wheel, handbrake, door handles etc. with appropriate wipes or spray and cloth • Ensure the vehicle is well ventilated primarily by opening windows or where this is not possible using the cars climate controls (nor circulated air). • Staff and students should avoid swapping seats during a day. • All 'cleaning' processes must be followed. • Tissues and hand sanitizer must be available to 'Catch it, Kill it, Bin It' • When using a private vehicle to make a journey that is essential, cars should only be shared by members of the same household. Those who normally share a car with people who are not members of their own household for a journey that is essential, e.g., getting to work, should consider alternatives such as walking, cycling and public transport where you maintain 2 metres from others.
Exposure to COVID-19 – Physical contact with virus or contaminated materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors, clients, guests, and customers must adhere to the same Risk assessment criteria as the employees. • Only essential documents are printed where use of electronic documents is not practicable. Paper file handling reduced to absolute minimum; electronic/online systems used for managing data/information. • Pre-payment and contactless payment used wherever possible. Hands should be washed after handling any Cash. • Equipment sharing is prohibited / minimised / through introducing safe working procedures or providing additional equipment. • Workstations not shared (Hot-Desking) where possible. When not possible disinfect before and after use. • Workstations regularly cleaned and disinfected.
People being unable to adhere to social distancing therefore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting group sizes to be kept as small as possible and in line with guidance (see below for activities considerations). Groups to have their own space separate to other groups wherever possible.

<p>increasing the transmission and spread of Covid-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group arrival, departure, lunch times, break times, and movement around the site to be staggered to reduce gatherings. • Everyone to be encouraged to follow the social distancing guidelines, and signage in place. • When indoor seating in the same space is necessary, seating to be arranged 2m apart. Good ventilation required when sharing internal spaces. • Unnecessary staff gatherings to be avoided – Technologies including Zoom or MS Teams to be utilized.
<p>Poor hand & respiratory hygiene leading to increased transmission of covid-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and visitors should be reminded to wash their hands for 20 seconds more frequently than normal, including on arrival at the setting, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing. • Staff should supervise young children to ensure they wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and water (or hand sanitiser if soap is not available or feasible in the situation) • Coughs and sneezes to be caught in tissues – “Catch it, Bin it Kill it”. Bins to be emptied at the end of every day. • Some children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities may require additional support in following public health advice or may find frequent handwashing distressing. Visiting staff should know where this is likely to be the case, and how they can best support individual children and young people.
<p>Increased transmission of covid-19 via surface contact</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular points of contact such as door handles, push plates, code pads and WC levers should be disinfected regularly.
<p>Intimate care procedures leading to increased transmission of covid-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is not common with Peak participants and would usually be supported by the Visiting Staff. • Individual risk assessment to be carried out for each participant where this is needed.
<p>Injuries and requirement to deliver First Aid.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An emergency is an emergency. • Treatment at a distance where possible. Follow latest advice from Resuscitation Council UK for CPR. • Do not listen or feel for breathing by placing your ear and cheek close to the patient's mouth. If you are in any doubt about confirming cardiac arrest, the default position is to start chest compressions until help arrives. • Make sure an ambulance is on its way. If COVID 19 is suspected, tell them when you call 999. If there is a perceived risk of infection, rescuers should place a cloth/towel over the victim's mouth and nose and attempt compression only CPR and early defibrillation until the ambulance (or advanced care team) arrives. • Early use of a Defibrillator significantly increases the person's chances of survival and does not increase risk of infection. • If the rescuer has access to PPE, e.g., FFP3 Face Mask, Disposable Gloves, Eye protection - these should be worn. • After performing any First Aid, all rescuers should wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water. • https://www.resus.org.uk/covid-19-resources/covid-19-resources-general-public/resuscitation-council-uk-statement-covid-19
<p>Proximity to a person displaying covid-19 symptoms leading to increased transmission of covid-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If someone becomes unwell and starts to display symptoms and starts to display with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they must be sent home and advised to follow the relevant government protocols before coming back. • If an affected person is awaiting collection, they should be moved, to a space where they can be isolated. Appropriate adult supervision must be maintained.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom should be disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.
Disposal of PPE and 'Contaminated' substances (bins, tissues, cloths, and wipes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gloves, tissues, and wipes should be disposed of in a lidded bin followed by close adherence to hand washing protocol. Bins to be emptied when full or at the end of each day, whichever comes first, with care and using gloves. Bin lids to be disinfected regularly as a regular touch surface. Items used on or near someone suspected or known to have Covid-19 must be double bagged (both tied independently) and securely stored for 72 hours where possible before being collected by normal contractors.

Risk Assessment – Accommodation (Camping)

Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Increased transition of Covid-19 through use of 'Bunk Tents' at Underbank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased cleaning of high touch surfaces during and after visit. All equipment and facilities to be left vacant for a minimum of 72hr between groups.
Increased transition of Covid-19 through 'DofE style' Camping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider use of site-specific risk assessment and control measures especially around toilet use. Tents to be pitched and group to remain away from other groups wherever possible. Cooking to remain in consistent small groups. Additional tent to be provided (transported by leaders) to allow 1 person to a tent. All equipment to be left for 72hr between use. Care, PPE, and regular hand washing to be used when handling equipment in stores. Staff to be aware of latest advice from National Governing Bodies including the DofE.
Increased transition of Covid-19 through 'Catering Provision'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dining area to be set or multiple sittings arranged to allow 2 metre distancing between 'bubbles.' All catering and Service staff to be aware and maintain hygiene standards. Table service to implemented to reduce movement and contact / contamination with food. Self-catering groups not permitted at Underbank. Packed lunches to be packed by kitchen staff.

Risk Assessment – Activity(s):

Hazard	Control Measure(s)
Transmission of Covid-19 through 'shared' PPE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities require a set of Harnesses & Helmets that stay with the groups/participants for the booking to reduce the likelihood of spreading the virus on PPE. Rotating equipment use, appropriate cleaning and or leaving equipment for '72 hours' between users. Staff to be allocated equipment for sole use wherever possible. Equipment needs to be 'left' for a minimum 72 hour between use, to be deemed 'clean'. Cold and or dark environments will prolong this duration.
Damage to PPE from additional cleaning (more rigorous,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPE must not be cleaned outside of manufacturers guidelines. Increased frequency of monitoring and inspection of the equipment will be required.

frequent, or harsh treatment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand sanitiser (including personal) must have a concentration of below 70% alcohol to protect the equipment.
Transmission of Covid-19 through shared equipment / surfaces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “It would be impracticable to clean or disinfect these during the operation of a day. When combined with the developing scientific research that COVID-19 does not survive for very long on surfaces in the outdoors, we strongly advise that staff and customers are reminded to wash their hands frequently, especially at the end of their activity and to refrain from touching their face.” (Vertex Industry Group, 2020) UV (from the sun) will help clean thing between groups.
Ensuring PPE is fitted correctly whilst maintaining social distancing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Longer clear briefings by instructors including the use of peer support and checking. Quick final check and alterations by instructor only when needed, and an appropriate face visor must also be used.
Inability to maintain 2 meters – Rescues etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors must consider all aspects of the session including structure, equipment, group, and conditions to reduce the risk or need of any close (less than 2m) or direct contact between bubbles. Instructors must where possible train and encourage participants to use peer or self-rescue techniques. An emergency is an emergency – Safety comes first.

The following activities have been RAG Rated (Red – High Risk, Amber – Medium Risk, Green – Low Risk) based on their remaining risk and likelihood, of the instructor breaking social distancing, or cross contamination. Activities marked in Black involve elements where social distancing or appropriate control measures are not possible and so should not be operated.

Risk Assessment – Activity(s):		
Activity:	Mitigation / Control Measures:	RAG
Archery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slow clear brief will reduce need for physical correction by instructor. Bows and Arrows to be disinfected between users. Instructors to use pointing sticks (2m) to highlight issues. 	G
Bush craft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flint and steel disinfected between users. Increased care over 'Food' (Food hygiene) avoid where possible. 	G
Climbing / Abseiling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slow clear brief to ensure PPE is fitted correctly without instructor physical support. For quick session attach client through carabiner to rope to reduce contact. 	G
High Ropes (Treetops, Leap of Faith and Zip Line)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slow clear brief to ensure PPE is fitted correctly without instructor physical support. Rotation / cleaning of lanyards and harnesses. Instructors to use face visors and regular hand sanitization when less than 2m with anyone else. Also see 'Climbing /Abseiling' section. 	G
Mountain Biking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slow clear brief to ensure PPE and bike is fitted correctly without instructor physical support. Bike miniatous and Route selected carefully to reduce risk of bike 	G

	<p>failure and injury. Plan routes to be quiet areas.</p>	
Paddle Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slow clear brief to ensure PPE and boat is fitted correctly without instructor physical support. 'Long' tow used where possible. Consider boat use to reduce need for instructor intervention. Max 4 people or one bubble per rafted canoe / kata-canoe. Boats and Paddles disinfected before and after use. 	G
Power Boating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key areas of boat to be wiped down between use. Consider use like that of a car. Instructors to use visors and regular hand sanitization when less than 2m with anyone outside their bubble. 	G
Raft Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raft design to be considered to maintain social distancing. Max 4 people (large design) or one 'Bubble' per raft. Instructors to be aware of cross contamination through carrying equipment and ropes. Hand hygiene to be maintained. 	G
Sailing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slow clear brief to ensure PPE is fitted and boat rigged correctly without instructor physical support. One person or one household per boat. Instruction from Power Boat. 'Long' tow used where possible. 	G
Team Building / Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities to be selected based on clients not needing to touch equipment wherever possible. Rotation / Cleaning of equipment. Blindfold activities not to be undertaken unless personal blindfold provided by each participant (their own hat or scarf). 	G
Walking / Orienteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maps not to be shared. Plan routes to be quiet areas. 	G
Weaselling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk levels to high – Activity must not be operated Remaining risk – Requirement for instructor to have close contact with participant when spotting. 	