

RISK ASSESSMENT

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	Hit by other users	Participants	<p>Operating staff are required to check water in front of dock and scan lake before sending each person out.</p> <p>A safety video and briefing is given to all users to make them aware of risks and lessen chances of injury.</p> <p>All users are required to wear safety helmets and life jackets which both offer some protection if hit by another user.</p>		6		<p>Ensure that all water participants are confident swimmers and that they have all signed their indemnity form.</p> <p>All participants must wear helmets which helps other users identify them when using the cable.</p> <p>Participants are all briefed on how to avoid a 'crash' and safety measures to take.</p>

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	Bruising on body	Participants	<p>Wetsuits are provided, and life jackets & helmets are mandatory. These all provide good protection from bruising to the body.</p> <p>Staff are on hand to assist users getting away from the dock.</p> <p>A safety video and briefing is given to all users to make them aware of risks and lessen chances of injury.</p>			5	
	Muscle Strain	Participants	<p>Advise people to stretch before taking to the water – especially if they are unfit or have suffered a muscular injury previously.</p>		6		

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	Cuts to body		<p>The safety video and briefing are designed to make users aware of what is going on around them on the water and is aimed at lessening the risk of users receiving cuts to the body, either from equipment, or other users.</p> <p>Sharp rocks or other objects may be present on the bottom of the lake, which is why there are safe exit steps (marked by red & white striped poles) located around the perimeter so that users can safely exit the water and reduce the risk of cuts to the body.</p> <p>All equipment is regularly checked for sharp protrusions or any other damage that may cause harm to users.</p>		6		

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	Falling off equipment	Participants	<p>The safety video and briefing are designed to ensure users know how to fall off the equipment safely.</p> <p>The mandatory lifejackets and helmets are also used to reduce the risk of injury occurring after someone has fallen off equipment.</p>			5	
	Hit by handles	Participants	<p>The safety video and briefing instruct users how to avoid being hit by handles.</p> <p>The mandatory use of helmets is also aimed at reducing the risk of injury if hit by handles.</p>			5	
	Crashing into other users	Participants	<p>The safety video and briefing instruct users how to avoid crashing into other users.</p> <p>Helmets are also used to lessen the risk of injury if users crash into each other.</p>			5	

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	Crashing into bank	Participants	<p>The safety video and briefing instruct users how to avoid crashing into the bank.</p> <p>Helmets are also used to lessen the risk of injury if users crash into bank.</p>			5	
	Crashing into obstacles (jumps/sliders) on lake	Participants	<p>Kneeboarders and inexperienced wakeboarders are advised not to go over the obstacles.</p> <p>The safety video and briefing instructs users how to avoid crashing into obstacles.</p> <p>All obstacles are checked regularly and moved into safe positions out of the way of kneeboarders or beginner wakeboarders/skiers.</p> <p>Helmets are used to lessen the risk of injury if users crash into any obstacles.</p>			5	

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	Disease	Participants	<p>All users are instructed by way of our Terms and Conditions of use and by signs in the cable building that they must be confident swimmers before being allowed on the cable.</p> <p>All users must wear a life jacket to reduce the risk of drowning. If the user wears a wetsuit this will also aid in their buoyancy.</p> <p>Safety boats are located at each cable lake to assist in the rescue of people at risk of drowning.</p> <p>All Cable Operators are first aid trained.</p> <p>All group participants (schools, youth groups etc) are required to be at least 10 years of age and have at least 2 supervisors per 10 children, and 1 for every 10 thereafter,</p>			5	

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	Disease	Participants	Water quality is tested regularly by the BAA (British Airport Authority) No open wounds are allowed on the water.			5	
	Reduced visibility for Night Riding	Participants	Floodlights which come on after dusk so as to provide visibility to the cable operators and riders.			5	

Action Timescale Guidelines

High Risk – Action Immediately

Medium Risk – Action within 2 months

Low Risk – Re-assess after next review