

Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Bell Boating at Invertrossachs	Date of risk assessment	1 March 2021	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Colin Smith
		Date of next review	1 March 2022		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Weather - risk of swamping or capsizing boat	All participants	Helms to check weather forecast in advance Helms to assess weather and water conditions and the likelihood of conditions improving or deteriorating Monitor conditions during the activity	
Launch/Recovery of boat	All participants	Instructions to be given regarding safety on launching and recovery operations	
Slips and trips	All participants	Group control essential Discourage messing around Appropriate footwear to be worn	
Paddling	All participants	Paddling techniques to be practiced before boarding boat – warm up Advise of dangers of using paddle inappropriately, danger of head injury	
Drowning	All participants	Check for non swimmers – Take appropriate action if required (POR Rule 9.42(b) refers) All persons to wear correctly fitting P.F.D., checked by responsible adult All persons to remain seated unless instructed otherwise	
Hypothermia	All participants	Helm to check that all crew are adequately dressed for the prevailing conditions	
Man Overboard	All participants	Helm and other adults on boat to effect rescue. Treat for Hypothermia and return to shore if necessary	
Injury in general	All participants	Main First Aid kit is located in the boat shed and smaller first aid kits are located in each boat	

You can find more information in the Safety checklist for leaders and at scouts.org.uk/safety

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