

**Activity Standard Canoes Reviewed on 011/3/201**

**Review on: 2/1/2022**

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Risk – L, M, H	Do you need to do anything else to manage this risk?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
<b>All Hazards</b>		All sessions run by BCU Paddlesport leader or higher, with In house training & First Aid qual Appropriate clothing/equipment carried plus First Aid Kit, Radio, Phone & other emergency kit carried by instructor Awareness & consideration of weather conditions & ability of group/participant Instructor briefing to group/participant Ratios as per British Canoeing guidance max 6 canoes and 12 participants per leader.		Review annually			
Manual handling Issues	Participants & Instructors Back /cuts/crush/injures	Instructors trained in manual handling procedures, participants briefed on correct techniques	L	Review annually			
Entering/exiting canoes	Participants & Instructors Slip trips falls	Suitable arrangements depending on site, ability & mobility of participant	L	Review annually			
Drowning	Participants & Instructors Death	Buoyancy Aids worn at all times when on or near the water	L	No			
Hypothermia	Participants & Instructors Death/ cold/ wet/	Appropriate clothing worn by participant	L	Review annually			
Capsize	Participants & Instructors Slip trips falls	Instructor can recover/manage capsizes, carry appropriate spare kit	L	Review annually			

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Adverse weather	Participants & Instructors	Upper wind strength limit for canoeing on exposed water (Broad) is top of force 3. Check and actively monitor wind and water state. Modify activities accordingly.	L	Also see adverse weather policy			
Water contamination	Participants & Instructors sickness	Instructor awareness of water quality, cover cuts, wash hands after activity	L	Review annually			
Equipment malfunction	Participants & Instructors	Equipment checked before use, replace/repair as needed.	L	No			
Other river users	Participant, Instructors & bystanders	Participants briefed on any potential hazards and appropriate action	L	Review annually			
Weather/exposure	Participants & Instructors Sun stroke Hypothermia	Appropriate clothing for the group/participant, drinks available, venue selected considering weather	L	Review annually			