

OCKC GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT



Hazard	Who might be harmed	How may the risk be controlled adequately	What further action may be required	Review comments / review dates
Drowning	Paddlers Others	Wearing of buoyancy aid Instruction in capsize procedures Relevant supervision Advised to keep away from river bank	Buoyancy aids tested annually, induction sessions for beginners and new members, leaders/coaches to ensure buoyancy aid correctly fitted. Regular checks on equipment during the season. Encourage regular capsize practice in both pool and summer river sessions.	April 2019
Hypothermia	Paddlers	Advised on the correct clothing to wear. Adjustment to clothing as required.	Continuous dynamic risk assessment.	April 2019
Slips trips falls	Paddlers, parents Coaches & others	Regular maintenance of landing stages, river bank, steps and access	Appropriate cleaning/maintenance equipment available	April 2019
Sprains, strains and soft tissue injuries	Paddlers, parents Coaches & others	Pre-session warm up, trained to lift correctly, ask for help when moving craft Encouraged to paddle correctly	Ongoing training and regular checks of procedures Appropriate checks on storage facilities	April 2019
Pollution and water quality	Paddlers	Advised to shower/wash soon after immersion Made aware of flotsam	Risks higher in spate conditions. Avoid intentional capsizes in poor water conditions	April 2019
Other river users	Paddlers and Other users	Paddlers instructed to be aware of other river users and how to take appropriate/avoiding action. Awareness of fishermen etc.	Informed as to possible other river users and location	April 2019
Weirs and man made features	Paddlers Coaches	Helmets to be worn when paddling in associated rough water.	Appropriate skill and awareness training	April 2019
Over hanging tree or strainers	Paddlers Coaches	Paddlers advised to negotiate around trees, both overhanging and floating. Advised as to correct action in event of entanglement Appropriate tree management on site.	Regular checks as part of on-site maintenance Appropriate training for off-site visits	April 2019
Injury from traffic	Competitors / officials / public	Low volume of traffic Speed limits in operation	Limited	April 2019
Weather and environmental conditions	Paddlers	Awareness of weather conditions, checking forecast. Use of Thames information system.	Dynamic risk assessment as conditions change.	April 2019