

Alton Canoe Club

Poolside Risk Assessment



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Location	Activity	What are the hazards	Action
Poolside	General access	Slipping and falls	No running pool side and follow Sports Centre 'Pool Rules' displayed.
		Loose kit and equipment	Keep access around pool tidy at all times. Educate members to be responsible for their own kit.
Boat storage area	Collecting boats and equipment	Lifting and harm from falling objects	No Juniors to be allowed to collect or return boats and equipment to the storage area. Supervising adults to be present at all times
Pool	General club activity	Drowning	All sessions should be supervised by one of the clubs training officers. All participants must be water confident and able to swim at least 25m or alternatively, they will be asked to use a boyancy aid. Swimming ability of each paddler will be confirmed at either the begining or the end of their first session and ongoing if required. For new participants capsize drills will be carried out during their first session. No spray decks to be worn unless a paddler has demonstrated susessful capsize drill on at least three occassions.
			Ongoing risk assessments should take place for all activities and members made aware of risk regularly. The number of boats allowed in the pool at one time should be limited to be aproprate for the activity. At no point should the pool contain more than 16 boats. Swiming is discouraged while paddlers are on the water unless in a cordened off area or as part of a training exercise.
	Basket Ball / Polo	Trip hazard and placement of equipment.	Ensure the hoop bases are filled to recommended level before play. Maximum height of the hoop is 2m. Ensure there is clear passage (min 0.9m) past both hoop bases when installed/located.
	Basket Ball / Polo	Injury from paddles and boats	A competent member of the club should referee the basketball/polo sessions and maintain reasonable standards of conduct between the players. Wear buoyancy aids and helmets at all times during play. All paddles and boats are to be 'Polo' approved.
General	Lifting boats	Lifting	Educate all members to lift in pairs when and where possible.
	First Aid		Follow procedure and instructions provided by Sports Centre management.
	Fire evacuation		Follow procedure and instructions provided by Sports Centre management.