

















Alton Canoe Club		Poolside Risk Assessment		RISK LEVEL		
Assessment carried out by: Stephen Mannerings Rob Fowell		Date: 24 January 2025		HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
Date of next review: September 2025						
Location	Activity	What are the hazards	Action			
POOL AREA	General access	Slipping and falls	No running pool side and Sports Centre 'Pool Rules' followed .			
		Loose kit and equipment	Keep access around pool tidy at all times. Educate members to be responsible for their own kit.			
		Blocking access to safety equipment	Any club or pool equipment removed from the store should not block or impede access to Sports Centre emergency equipment.			
BOAT STORE	Collecting boats and equipment	Lifting and harm from falling objects	No Juniors are allowed to collect or return boats and equipment to the storage area. A supervisor or poolside assistants are to be present at all times.			
POOL	General club activity	Drowning	All sessions are to be overseen by one of the club approved supervisors.			
			All participants must be water confident and able to swim at least 25m or alternatively, they will be asked to use a buoyancy aid.			
			For new participants, capsize drills are to be carried out during their first session.			
			Swimming ability of each paddler will be confirmed at either the beginning or the end of their first session and ongoing if required.			
			No spray decks to be worn unless a paddler has demonstrated successful capsize drill with a spray deck on at least three occasions.			
POOL	General club activity	Injury from paddles and boats	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 appropriate for the activity, and no more than 16 boats .			
			Swimming is discouraged while paddlers are on the water unless in a cordoned 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	Back injury and other paddlers	Educate all members to lift in pairs when and where possible. Educate all members the correct method of lifting boats from the water to empty, including during rescues.			
SPORTS CENTRE POOL AREA		Follow procedure and instructions provided by Sports Centre management. Take note of the perimeter fire escape doors and general escape routes.				
	First Aid		Inform pool lifeguard of any injury's, they will provide basic treatment if required and/or call for the relevant assistance.			
	Serious injury		The duty lifeguard will activate the pool alarm, blow 3 blasts on their whistle and initiate rescue. Centre management will respond to the alarm. Gather in pool visitors area and wait for further instruction from lifeguard and centre management.			
			If no pool lifeguard is available, press pool emergency call button mounted on the wall at the diving end of the pool.			
	Fire alarm		If there is a fire related emergency, the Centre's fire alarm will sound (a two tone high pitch siren). Await instruction from pool lifeguard.			
	Other emergencies		If the fire alarm sounds, be aware of an emergency issues and await instruction from lifeguard.			