

Risk Assessment – Pond Dipping

Date: September 2024

Potential Hazard	Who is at Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating	Preventative Measures
Slips, trips & falls	Participants	4	1	4 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear boundaries given to participants at the beginning of the session - Leaders must be vigilant & maintain good group control (inappropriate behaviour must not be tolerated and participants to be removed from activity) - Participants to wear appropriate footwear for the activity: flat shoes - Participant briefed on safety rules: no throwing stones, no jumping in the water or pushing others in, be particularly careful at the water's edge & step slowly
Exposure to contaminated water (Weils Disease)	Participants	1	3	3 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All cuts must be covered with a waterproof plaster or tape - All participants must wash their hands as soon as the session has finished - Participants advised not to touch mouth, eyes or nose during the activity
Drowning	Participants	1	4	4 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear boundaries to be given to participants with leader positioned so they can see all members of the group - Life ring to be kept by the pond - Swimming in the pond is not permitted on this activity
Adverse weather conditions & exposure to environmental factors.	Participants	1	4	4 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anyone working outside must seek shelter if weather is becoming a risk, including thunder & lightning, high winds or heavy rain - Extreme caution should be taken in areas where trees increase the risk from wind due to falling debris - Group to wear appropriate clothing for the weather and activity - Group should monitor the weather and adjust their activity engagement accordingly

Existing medical condition	Participants	2	3	6 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaders to ensure the appropriate health & parental consent forms are used. Ensure necessary medication available if needed. Ensure all leaders are aware of the OAC's accident/emergency procedures. Group to have access to a mobile phone.
Operating Notes:					

Signed:

On behalf of:

Date:

Likelihood of Occurrence	Severity of Outcome				
	1 Negligible	2 Slight	3 Moderate	4 Severe	5 Very Severe
1 Very Unlikely	LOW (1)	LOW (2)	LOW (3)	LOW (4)	LOW (5)
2 Unlikely	LOW (2)	LOW (4)	LOW (6)	MEDIUM (8)	MEDIUM (10)
3 Possible	LOW (3)	LOW (6)	MEDIUM (9)	HIGH (12)	HIGH (15)
4	LOW (4)	MEDIUM (8)	HIGH (12)	HIGH (16)	HIGH (20)

Probable					
5 Very Likely	LOW (5)	MEDIUM (10)	HIGH (15)	HIGH (20)	HIGH (25)

Likelihood of occurrence X Severity of outcome = Risk Rating

Example:

Likelihood (possible 3) X Severity (Moderate 3) = Risk Rating (Medium 9)