

RISK ASSESSMENT for Educational Activities and Field Trips

Date of assessment Feb 06 Review date Feb 07 Assessor JL Signature

ACTIVITY: General	DATE 2006	LOCATION Chichester Harbour
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Potential Hazards	Risk	Control Measures	Further action
Deep moving water	Drowning Hypothermia	Groups kept away from deep water and advised of danger. Throwing lines mobile phones and grid reference maps carried by CHC teacher. Survival blankets carried.	
Soft mud	Getting stuck in mud and incoming tide.	CHC teachers carry safety equipment & know techniques for getting out. CHC Mud rescue team. Incoming tide slow in areas used.	
Steep edges with hazards below	Falling off into water, mud or onto sharp objects.	As for drowning. Groups briefed and advised. Most appropriate routes chosen.	
Traffic	Person being hit by a vehicle	Safety briefing, especially in places where traffic hazard is not obvious. Careful supervision when crossing or using roads & most appropriate routes chosen	
Tripping hazards	Person falling, spraining or breaking limbs, cuts or grazes	Sensible footwear advised. First aid kit, mobile phone & grid reference map. Groups advised to bring a First Aider.	
Hazardous plants	Allergic reactions or poisoning. Cuts from reeds.	Safety briefing before activities where appropriate. First aid kit, mobile phone & grid reference map. Groups advised to bring a First Aider.	
Dirty water & mud. Dog faeces	Stomach upsets or diseases e.g. Weil's disease.	Visitors requested to wash hands before eating and after muddy or wet activities. Open cuts to be covered with waterproof plasters. Gloves (latex or plastic) can be worn.	

Adverse weather: hot, sunny, cold, wet.	Heat exhaustion Sun burn Hypothermia	Groups not kept out in the heat too long; shade found when necessary. Visitors encouraged to drink plenty Use of hats and sun cream advised. Groups advised in advance on appropriate clothing. Programme altered to allow access to shelter when weather very wet. Cancellation without penalty if weather unacceptable!	
Field study Equipment	Injury caused by nets, ranging poles etc.	Students briefed on correct use of equipment and safe ways of carrying it.	
Machinery e.g. locks, boat yard hoists etc.	Potential injury.	Routes chosen to keep clear of hazards. Briefing if necessary. Groups with poor control may not be taken to some sites.	
Insect bites & stings	Anaphylactic shock Painful or irritating sting or bite	All groups to be accompanied by a First Aider.	
Rubbish on beaches or paths	Injury from sharp items, or contact with noxious items.	Briefing: students advised to take care picking up unfamiliar or sharp looking objects.	