

RISK ASSESSMENT

Date of assessment April 2008 Review date March 2009 Assessor JL & CF & RS Signature

ACTIVITY	A18 "Rivers" field work	DATE	LOCATION	Fishbourne
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Potential Hazards	People at Risk	Likelihood	Severity	risk	Control Measures	Further action
Drowning	Children/adults	2	6	12	Activity only permitted when water level low enough to allow safe entry. Good supervision of children. Briefing of children & helpers. Suitable footwear to minimise falling in stream. Trained First Aider in group. Mobile phones and grid reference map carried to summon emergency help if required.	CHC staff not to enter water in waders if it is above knee level.
Hypothermia/cold	Children	3	3	9	Schools advised of type of clothing required. CHC to monitor and cut short activity if necessary. Thermal blanket carried by CHC staff	
Sunburn / heatstroke	All	3	2	6	Groups advised beforehand that appropriate clothing should be worn and sunhats/suncream used when necessary.	
Slippery banks	All	3	2	6	Groups advised not to stand too near the edge. CHC teachers to find appropriate entry points to stream	
Weils disease		3	3	9	Avoid cuts to skin. Cover existing cuts with waterproof plasters or gloves. Wash thoroughly before eating	Spare waterproof gloves carried by CHC staff.
Slippery duck-boarding when weather wet	All	3	2	6	Adults to man each end of slippery areas and assist children if necessary. Suitable footwear advised & safety briefing.	
Activity equipment	Children & supervising adults	3	2	6	Correct use of ranging poles, meter sticks etc. to be demonstrated to prevent accidental injury. Supervision of activity.	
Retrieval of "ducks"	children	2	4	8	Substitution of dog biscuits, which can be allowed to escape if necessary!	