



Generic Risk Assessments

A range of generic risk assessments have been prepared to cover most of the more common adventure activities. These documents are regularly reviewed. Those you requested accompany this document.

They may be used in any of the following ways:

1. They may be referenced as an illustration of the principles in the risk assessment process from which you can design your own format and way of recording.
2. They may be used as an **example format** which you can use to prepare your own site specific risk assessment for your planned activity or programme.
3. They may be used as a template. Using the generic form and adding your own further specific hazards and control measures to those identified may be a convenient way for you to risk assess your event or programme.

If you use the generic risk assessments as a template you must:

1. Read it carefully and assess whether the hazards identified are relevant and appropriate to the circumstances of what you are planning.
2. Satisfy yourself that your planning has ensured that the control measures identified will be applied in your case.
3. Identify and record any further hazards specific to your planned event or programme. These could be due to the particular location, time of year or nature of the group and their equipment.
4. Identify and record further control measures required to minimise the risks imposed by these additional hazards.
5. Satisfy yourself that additional risks have been reduced to an acceptable level before deciding to proceed.

The above illustrates the point that in supplying generic risk assessments, **there is no intention to do the job of risk assessment for you**; rather it is an attempt to make the task a little easier.

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