



# KAYAKING ON THE DAM SPECIFIC RISKS

In Conjunction with the General Overall Risks for Activities

## Qualified Instructor Run Activity

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Risk	Outcome if risk occurred	Existing Risk Control Actions	Residual Risk Assessment			Group Leader Required Risk Control Actions
			Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating	
<b>People Dangers</b>						
Lack of Supervision and Unqualified Instruction	Injury/Drowning/Death	A qualified instructor in Kayaking must run this activity Must have a current Working with Vulnerable People (Child Related) Card Best Group size: 15 participants per group	2	4	M	Provide adequate supervision for the group – this is not the instructors job Suitable First Aid Kit
Falling out of Kayak Getting hit with a paddle or flying fox rope	Injury/Drowning	All participants are provided with a life jacket and helmet Kayakers are sit on top kayaks Instructor has own kayak and throw bags available for rescue situations Kayakers kept out of Flying Fox path when in operation	4	2	M	Supervisor keeps constant eye on group and deals with any students that need extra assistance out of the water
Behavioural Issues • Don't follow the rules • Lack of control	Injury/Drowning	Participants are instructed in safe procedures, boundaries and expectations Instructor runs activities that ensure all participants are kept safe on the water. All participants must have life jacket and helmet.	3	3	M	Supervisor ensures participants cooperate with the instructor and keeps constant eye on the group Regular head count
Attire	Cold participants Sun burnt/dehydrated participants	Participants are expected to wear clothing appropriate for kayaking depending on the weather conditions No jewellery should be worn and hair should be tied back	3	3	M	Check attire of participants before the activity begins making sure it is suitable for the weather conditions Participants fill their water bottles prior to leaving the building
<b>Equipment Dangers</b>						
Lifting Kayaks/Manual Handling	Back strain	Instructor teaches correct technique and supervises moving of kayaks (two people per kayak)	3	3	M	Supports Instructor and oversees participants
Broken/Damaged Equipment	Injury	Regular checking and maintenance of Kayaks, helmets and lifejackets Any damaged or broken equipment is not to be used	3	2	L	Report any damage to equipment or any concerns the supervisor may have.

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