



Swimming Pool - Heyswood Risk Assessment

Description: Games & Kayaking on the pool

Learning Outcomes: Accepting a challenge, new skills, fun.

Leaders are responsible for reviewing and adding to the Risk Assessment which is recommended to be completed during a site visit. These are to be shared with the Leadership Team.

Girlguiding members: Girlguiding Consent Forms must be completed for any participant under 18 and appropriate Commissioner informed of intended activities

For non-Girlguiding events / users: The hirer must ensure appropriate insurance cover for the activities undertaken and provide evidence if requested by Heyswood Management Committee.

Hazards <i>What could cause harm or damage?</i>	Who or what is at risk of being affected and how?	What are you already doing? <i>How have you reduced the risk already?</i>	Likelihood of Risk Occurring (L / M / H)	Severity of Risk (L / M / H)	Are further controls necessary? <i>What else needs to happen to reduce the risk to an acceptable level?</i>	Action by: name & date
Lack of Supervision	Participants	Lead by adult holding Lifesaver qualification Safety briefing & behaviour guidelines given to everyone at beginning of session (whistle signals) Another adult to supervise participants out of pool area Regular head count- maximum of 18 at any one time	L	L	Qualification to be up to date Lifesaver to take regular head count Pool is fenced off & gate to pool area unlocked by lifesaver only	Lifesaver
Faulty equipment Sump / outlet pipes	Participants	Visual inspection prior to use; grilles should be secure Check pool area is safe and ready to use, no sharp objects/stones on poolside	L	L	Lifesaver to report any issues to Warden	Lifesaver
Water: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarity Chemicals in the pool - breathing problems, irritation to eyes 	Swimmers	Clarity & temperature of water checked before session starts - if bottom of pool is not visible swimmers may not enter the pool, report any problems to Warden	M	M	Chemical Balance checked by Crystal Pools Water quality checked by Warden regularly	Lifesaver Warden

<p>Poolside</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • slips trips & falls • Slippery ground, injury from inappropriate behaviour 	Swimmers, life saver, poolside helpers	<p>Inspection of poolside on regular basis Warning signs NO running Signage for depths Behaviour guidelines discussed at beginning of session</p>	M	L	<p>First Aider available GG Accident notification form</p>	Lifesaver
<p>Drowning</p> <p>Swimmers getting into difficulty</p>	Swimmers	<p>Competent trained lifesaver Participants are assessed on ability to swim in deep water Lifeguard & poolside helpers in sensible position around the pool Safety equipment available around pool (Lifebuoys, reach pole)</p>	H	M	<p>Lifesaver to have Lifeguard Qualification First Aider available Emergency phone on poolside</p>	Lifesaver
<p>Health issues</p> <p>Disabilities, muscle aches, cramp, asthma</p>	Swimmers	<p>Leaders of group to advise Lifeguard of any short-term health issues Medication should be available poolside if required</p>	M	L	<p>Leaders should have consent forms with health issues & emergency contact details</p>	Lifesaver
<p>Adverse weather conditions</p> <p>Thunderstorms, Hypo / hypothermia & exposure</p>	Swimmers, lifesaver, poolside helpers	<p>Safety briefing Evacuate pool if thunderstorm Make sure group are wearing correct clothing including sun-cream if hot Keep hydrated & monitor girls in water, instructors to take break Limit time for girls, if they appear cold get them out</p>	M	M	<p>Check weather forecast Keep an eye for changes in weather Safety bag is available Remove from water & keep warm</p>	Lifesaver
<p>Kayaking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kayak capsizes • Hit by oar or paddle • Trapped fingers • Struck by 	Participants	<p>Test girls for swim strength by swimming width of pool Advise girls to let go of kayak & return to water surface Advise girls to not lift oar above waist height & watch out for others and explain how to hold oar Advise girls to keep hands inside kayak</p>	M	M	<p>Give clear instructions Only have 6 people in water at ONE time</p>	Lifesaver