

# RISK ASSESSMENT: Pond Dipping

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What is the Hazard?	Who may be harmed?	How might people be harmed?	Risk Rating			Control Measures in Place	Remaining Risk		
			Probability	Severity	Risk		Probability	Severity	Risk
<b>Slips, Trips and Falls</b>	All	Cuts, grazes and bruises	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All equipment not being used is put away in the store.</li> <li>All participants are instructed to wear appropriate footwear.</li> <li>Participants warned about exposed tree roots and potential hazards</li> </ul>	1	2	2
<b>Exposure / Hypothermia and Sunburn</b>	All	Sunburnt skin, high temperature and dehydration.	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants should have suitable clothing prior to the activity.</li> <li>Participants to drink plenty of water</li> <li>Sun cream to be applied when needed.</li> </ul>	1	3	3
<b>Group Behaviour</b>	All	Loss of control of the group, participants being distracted/ not listening.	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group leaders are to ensure that the group is under control at all times.</li> <li>Group leader to stop the activity if participant behaviour is dangerous.</li> </ul>	1	2	2
<b>Inappropriate Use</b>	All	Variety of injuries including Musculoskeletal injuries, cuts, bruises	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants advised not to play around with the equipment only as instructed during the demonstration at the start of the session.</li> </ul>	1	2	2
<b>Capability to Effectively use Equipment Provided</b>	Participants	Variety of minor injuries including Cuts, eye injuries and bruises	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group leader to ensure that all participants understand and can demonstrate using the equipment correctly and safely.</li> <li>Leader can constantly remind and test how to use equipment correctly.</li> </ul>	1	2	2
<b>Dipping with Nets</b>	Participants	Falling in the water. Head injuries, cuts bruises	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whilst dipping, participants are to be on their knees.</li> </ul>	1	3	3
<b>Use of equipment</b>	All	Cuts and Splinters	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants advised to be careful handling poles and equipment.</li> <li>First aid available from Reception</li> <li>Monthly inspection of equipment</li> </ul>	1	2	2

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<b>Participant Falling in Water</b>	Participants	Head injuries, cuts and bruises.	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants are shown how to approach the water in a suitable way.</li> <li>Leader to constantly assess the safety of the group.</li> <li>If there is any doubt of participant safety use knowledge and skills to help them improve or pair up or use pastoral carer. If still in doubt stop session and re-evaluate.</li> </ul>	1	4	4
<b>Adverse Weather</b>	All	See Exposure	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If adverse weather, the activity to stop on the group leader's decision.</li> <li>Advice is given on what to do in the occurrence of adverse weather.</li> <li>Participants are advised to wear suitable clothing for weather conditions.</li> <li>Refer to 'Adverse Weather' policy</li> </ul>	1	2	2

Level	Likelihood Factor	Severity Description
1	Very Unlikely	Insignificant – No injury or No First Aid required.
2	Unlikely	Minor – Minor injuries requiring first aid such as cuts, grazes, bruising.
3	Fairly Likely	Moderate – Injuries resulting in up to three days' absence from work.
4	Likely	Major – Injuries resulting in a week or more absence from work, for example broken bones, deep cut etc.
5	Very Likely	Catastrophic – Amputations or Death.