

ACTIVITY	18. Kayaking & Canoeing (all paddlesports)
HAZARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Drowning ✘ Lifting injuries ✘ Trailer related accidents ✘ Pollution/debris ✘ Strong winds and squalls/gusts ✘ Separation/group member out of sight of leader ✘ Swamping of craft ✘ Drifting offshore ✘ Strong currents/eddies/stoppers/undertows/rips/tidal streams ✘ Entrapment – strainers/trees/rocks/undercut banks/fishing line/fencing material etc. ✘ Entrapment – in/under craft and fingers/arms/legs/clothing etc. ✘ Collision with fixed objects/other craft/people ✘ Sudden changes in weather and water levels/velocity
CONTROL MEASURES	
<p>This must be read in conjunction with Risk Assessment Number 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Defined and agreed paddling area/brief re: other water users ➔ Wear correctly sized and fitted Buoyancy Aid ➔ Appropriate assessment of water level ➔ Water quality – EA monitoring, assessment by staff and appropriate briefing of students ➔ Appropriate protective clothing/footwear and equipment ➔ Water confidence of participants ascertained – capsize/entrapment procedure explained/practiced as deemed appropriate by activity leader ➔ Helmets to be worn according to the site specific risk assessment ➔ Detailed weather forecast, tidal information (if appropriate) and constant observation of conditions ➔ Careful handling of trailers and lifting of craft and other heavy items, ensuring all items are adequately secured ➔ Adequate food and drink, spare clothing and emergency gear and shelter as appropriate, in waterproof containers ➔ Agreed signal system for clear communication on the water ➔ Appropriately equipped and fitted craft 	
NOTES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It may be appropriate to have a Site Specific risk assessment reflecting the nature of paddlesport discipline/craft being used ▪ Careful consideration to be given to the use of spray decks/types of spray deck ▪ A safety boat may be appropriate, in some circumstances, on open water ▪ Rafted open boats can provide a stable platform for initial paddling sessions or to cater for young people with particular needs. However, capsize of rafted open boats, although unlikely, can present more problems in righting and emptying 	

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