

Risk Assessment Hazard Checklist – Student Activities

Please use this sheet to help identify potential risks involved in your event.

1 INDOOR HAZARDS	
1.1	Inappropriate lighting
5	Temperature
1.3	Insufficient or unsuitable space
1.4	Untidiness – causing trip / fire hazard
1.5	Stairs – dark / steep / no handrail
1.6	Lack of fire escapes / extinguishers / procedures
1.7	Slip / trip / fall hazards
1.8	Inadequate ventilation
1.9	Inhalation of dust
1.10	Poor surfaces for activities – slips / trips / impact
1.11	Electrical hazards
1.12	Overcrowding

2 SPORTING ACTIVITY HAZARDS	
2.1	Uneven playing surface
2.2	Playing surface too hard or soft
2.3	Hard or sharp objects on pitch
2.4	Sliding on Astroturf or tarmac
2.5	Collisions / Conflict with surrounding objects or people
2.6	Impact from sports equipment
2.7	Contact sport injury
2.8	Personal injury – fracture / sprains / cuts

3 HAZARDS ON COASTS & COASTAL WATERS	
3.1	Falls from cliffs, piers, sea walls
3.2	Struck by falling objects from cliff
3.3	Slips & falls on slopes / loose surfaces
3.4	Quick sand & mud
3.5	Access problems due to steep angle of beach slope
3.6	Collisions between water users
3.7	Swept away by wave surges
3.8	Being washed against rocks / piers
3.9	Low water temperatures
3.10	Communication problems from waves / swell / distance
3.11	Struck by objects in water
3.12	Stranded by tides
3.13	Swept away by currents
3.14	Rip tides
3.15	Longshore drift
3.16	Conflicts between beach users

4 HAZARDS ON STILL / MOVING WATER	
4.1	Getting swept away from equipment or people
4.2	Collision with rocks in and to sides of rivers
4.3	Striking / trapping by submerged obstacles
4.4	Being dragged down by undertow
4.5	Restricted or impossible access to / from water
4.6	Access problems – rescue / getting kit into water
4.7	Falls from drops in level at weirs / waterfalls
4.8	Getting out of depth
4.9	Low water temperature
4.10	Separation from other people
4.11	Slips / trips on steep banks or uneven surfaces
4.12	Difficult communications
4.13	Remote locations

5 HAZARDS ON HILLS AND MOUNTAINS	
5.1	Slips & trips on grass, mud, rock
5.2	River crossings
5.3	Remote locations
5.4	Difficult communication – weather / distance
5.5	Falling debris
5.6	Extra work imposed by terrain type / angle
5.7	Lack of shelter
5.8	Separation of group members
5.9	Getting lost
5.10	Falls from height
5.11	Extremes of weather

6 PEOPLE & ORGANISATIONAL HAZARDS	
6.1	Lack of information, training or instruction
6.2	Poor activity planning or preparation
6.3	The event causes offence to other students, .
6.4	Ignorance of rules and / or procedures
6.5	Unsafe behaviour or attitude
6.6	Lack of appropriate first aid equipment and experience
6.7	Medical conditions of participants
6.8	Poor safety control from group leaders
6.9	Poor safety awareness from participants
6.10	Lack of cooperation within group
6.11	Differing skill levels within group
6.12	Low level of physical fitness / strength
6.13	Aggression between participants
6.14	Aggression from crowd / public
6.15	Contact between participants increasing risk
6.16	People feel excluded from our event
6.17	Event could potentially bring group and/or Guild and/or University into disrepute.

7 EQUIPMENT AND OTHER HAZARDS	
7.1	Cash handling
7.2	Transport to and from your activity
7.3	Alcohol/Food poisoning
7.4	Hazardous substances
7.5	Equipment with moving / hot parts
7.6	Heavy equipment
7.7	Electrical hazards from equipment
7.8	Noise from equipment
7.9	Risk of trapping body / clothing in equipment
7.10	Inadequate environment for equipment operation
7.11	Inadequate protective equipment
7.12	Equipment in unsuitable condition