

# Risk Assessment Kayaking/Canoeing



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What is the task? Camp Paterson dams	Location where task is being conducted:
	Camp Paterson - Dams

**Briefly explain the procedure for this task**: All safety features for Canoeing in Camp Paterson Dams, will be in a controlled environment as per flat water guidelines from canoeing Australia.

Step in Task	Hazards in carrying out this step	Risk (Harm)	EXISTING CONTROLS	Risk Rating with existing controls?		with existing CONTROLS		Risk Rating with additional controls?		
Ensure you number each step.  List major steps or tasks in process eg  - Loading equipment  - Driving to location  - Operating Equipment	For Example  - Noise  - Dust/fumes/ Vapours etc.  - Heat/cold  - Electrical  - Moving Parts	For example  - Physical Injury  - Cut/graze  - Chemical Burn	List all current controls that are already in place and will be used to undertake the task eg  - Identify types facility, location  - Existing safety measurers  - Existing emergency procedures  - List of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Consequences	Likelihood	Rating	Additional controls may be required to reduce risk rating. Remember the hierarch of control: Elimination - Substitution - Engineering - Administrative - Personal Protective Equipment	Consequences	Likelihood	Rating
Manual Handling and Carrying of Craft on dam banks	Manual Handling of Craft/weight loadings	Body/Limb Strain	Nil Controls	M O D	P O S S	M E D	Staff to advise persons moving craft to correctly manual handle craft  Staff to ensure all participants understand advice at briefing.  All upturned craft to be handled in non-moving water to be emptied and re floated by numerous persons.	M O D	R A R E	L O W 6
2. Normal Paddling of Craft	Incorrect paddling techniques	Body/Limb Strain	Nil Controls	M O D	P O S S	M E D	Staff to advise persons moving craft to correctly manual direct/paddle craft  Staff to ensure all participants understand advice at briefing.  Staff to monitor paddling techniques at all stages of journey.	M O D	R A R E	L O W 6

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3.a. Falling out of Craft – Self Rescue	Drowning; Impact Injury from river features	Drowning; Impact Injury from river features	Nil Controls	C A T	U N L K	H I G H 22	Staff to confer on appropriate river journey due to river levels check prior to trip start.  Staff to advise persons to correctly self-rescue via briefing before paddling begins.  Staff to ensure all participants understand advice at briefing.  Staff to monitor self-rescue techniques at all stages of journey.  PFD'S must be worn by participants at all times during this activity.	C A T	R A R E	M E D
3.b. Falling out of Craft – Handling Craft in water.	Drowning; Manual Handling Injury	Body/Limb Strain; Fall/Trip Injuries	Nil Controls	M A J	P O S S	H I G H 18	Staff to advise persons to correctly recover craft via briefing before paddling begins.  Staff to ensure all participants understand advice at briefing.  Staff to monitor self-recovery techniques at all stages of journey.  PFD'S must be worn by participants at all times during this activity.	M A J	R A R E	M E D 10

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3.c. Falling out of Craft – Walking / Manoeuvring along dam banks	Manual Handling Injury; Slips, Trips and Falls	Body/Limb Strain; Fall/Trip Injuries	Nil Controls	M O D	P O S S	M E D	Staff to advise persons moving correctly on riverbank surfaces  Staff to ensure all participants understand advice at briefing.  Staff to monitor movement techniques at all stages of journey.	M O D	R A R E	L O W 6
4.a. Native Animal Experiences	Animal Bite or Sting	Possible death or injury from Snake/Crocodile Bite; Major Injury from Bullrout Sting; Minor Injury from Insect Sting	Nil Controls	M A J	U N L K	M E D	Staff to advise persons not to interfere with any animals and view from a safe distance  Staff to ensure all participants understand advice at briefing.  Staff to monitor animal movement at all times until all personnel out of way of danger.  All participants to wear appropriate shoes	M A J	R A R E	M E D
4.b. Native Flora Experiences	Plant Sting / Rash	Minor Injury/Rash from Flora Sting	Nil Controls	M O D	U N L K	M E D 9	Staff to advise persons in recognising stinging plants  Staff to ensure all participants understand advice at briefing.  Staff to monitor personnel movement at all times until all personnel out of way of danger.	M O D	R A R E	L O W 6

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5.a. Outdoor Elements Exposure - Temperature	Heat/Cold; Sun/Wind; Element Exposure	Hyperthermia; Hypothermia; Dehydration	Nil Controls	M O D	U N L K	9 9	Staff to advise persons in recognising symptoms for Hypothermia and hyperthermia Staff to advise participants to keep re-hydrated at all times. Staff to ensure all participants understand advice at briefing. Staff to monitor personnel at all times to look for symptoms and signs of above conditions.	M O D	R A R E	L O W 6
5.b. Outdoor Elements Exposure - Sun	Sun Exposure	Sunburn	Nil Controls	M I N O R	U N L K	L O W 5	Staff to advise persons in recognising symptoms for sunburn during briefing  Staff to advise participants to continually apply 30+ sunscreen and wear a hat.  Staff to ensure all participants understand advice at briefing.  Staff to monitor personnel at all times to look for symptoms and signs of above condition.	M I N O R	R A R E	L O W 3
6.a. Crush injury of digits whilst paddling - jewellery	Crush injury to digit between craft to craft or craft to rock	Loss of digit; Injury to digit	Nil Controls	M O D	U N L K	M E D	Staff to advise persons in removing all jewellery during briefing  Staff to ensure all participants understand advice at briefing.	M O D	R A R E	L O W

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6.b. Crush injury of digits whilst paddling - general	Injury to digit	Injury to digit	Nil Controls	M I N O R	UNLK	L O W 5	Staff to advise persons about hazard during briefing  Staff to ensure all participants understand advice at briefing.  Staff to monitor and advise personnel at times or rafting up and craft recovery to ensure participants take care during those times	M I N O R	R A R E	L O W 3		

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Supervisor or designated officer Name (Print):		Signature: —		Date:	

#### **CAMP PATERSON RISK ANALYSIS MATRIX**

	<u> </u>	C	ONSEQUENCES		
LIKELIHOOD	Insignificant Minor Moderate		The state of the s	Major	Catastrophic
	No injuries or no medical treatment required	Injury requiring first aid or minor treatment	Small scale injury or sickness requiring medical treatment	Extensive injuries or loss of life	Multiple loss of life
Almost certain	Medium	Medium	High	Extreme	Extreme
is expected to occur in most circumstances	(11)	(16)	(20)	(23)	(25)
Likely	Low	Medium	High	High	Extreme
Will probably occur in many circumstances	(7)	(12)	(17)	(21)	(24)
Possible	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High
Will probably occur at some time	(2)	(8)	(13)	(18)	(22)
Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High
Could occur at some time but it	(2)	(5)	(9)	(14)	(19)
is improbable					
Rare	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium
May occur only in exceptional	(1)	(3)	(6)	(10)	(15)
circumstances					

(Based on Australian/New Zealand Standard for Risk Management AS/NZS 4360)