



Swimming Pool - Heyswood Risk Assessment

Description: Games in 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, signed by parent/carer 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 HMC	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 HMC	M	M	Chemical Balance checked by Crystal Pools Water quality checked by HMC regularly	Lifesaver HMC

<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 bases</p> <p>Warning signs NO running</p> <p>Signage for depths</p> <p>Behaviour guidelines discussed at beginning of session</p>	M	L	<p>First Aider available</p> <p>GG Accident notification form</p>	Lifesaver
<p>Drowning</p> <p>Swimmers getting into difficulty</p>	Swimmers	<p>Competent trained lifesaver</p> <p>Participants are assessed on ability to swim in deep water</p> <p>Lifeguard & poolside helpers in sensible position around the pool</p> <p>Safety equipment available around pool (Lifebuoys, reach pole)</p>	H	M	<p>Lifesaver to have Lifeguard Qualification</p> <p>First Aider available</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Evacuate pool if thunderstorm</p> <p>Make sure group are wearing correct clothing including sun-cream if hot</p> <p>Keep hydrated & monitor girls in water, instructors to take break</p> <p>Limit time for girls, if they appear cold get them out</p>	M	M	<p>Check weather forecast</p> <p>Keep an eye for changes in weather</p> <p>Safety bag is available</p> <p>Remove from water & keep warm</p>	Lifesaver
<p>Kayak Sitters</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</p> <p>Advise girls to let go of kayak & return to water surface</p> <p>Advise girls to not lift oar above waist height & watch out for others and explain how to hold oar</p> <p>Advise girls to keep hands & legs inside kayak</p>	M	M	<p>Give clear instructions</p> <p>Only have 6 people in water at ONE time</p>	Lifesaver