



Risk Assessment for Sleeping on a raft

Venue: Bert's Pool, Tolmers Campsite

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Risk	Likelihood (1...5)	Severity (1...5)	Risk (LxS)	Action taken to reduce risk
Raft falling apart or sinking	4	5	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All lashings to be checked once tied for tightness and if in doubt taped to stop them coming apart. Excess buoyancy used to ensure raft stays afloat (at least one large barrel per person) Raft to be attached to side on long rope so scouts can get to the side quickly if they need to
Scouts falling in the water	4	5	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouts to wear buoyancy aids at all time – even when asleep. Tarpaulin 'tent' to be put over the top to stop scouts rolling into water Scouts forbidden from standing up on the raft to keep it stable Glowsticks to be used to mark edge of raft in darkness so there are no mistakes
Scout getting cold/wet	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative tent accommodation available in case of wet weather Scouts to keep their kit bags under cover, so if raft contents get wet they have warm dry clothes to change in to Rafts to be inspected for robustness and quality of covering before bed time Kit list to inform scouts to bring adequate warm clothing with them Spare sleeping bags and blankets available if needed Leaders to be actively looking after scouts welfare, ensuring they eat etc
Scouts falling ill	2	5	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical form to be distributed to all attendees and returned before camp starts Basic hygiene including hand washing to be followed over camp – particularly when handling food Food selection to include 'safer' foods – e.g. lamb instead of chicken to reduce risk of poisoning Food to be stored in suitable containers, including cool boxes where appropriate Medicine kit in attendance and checked before hand to make sure that contents are up to date Leaders to be actively looking after scouts welfare, ensuring they eat etc Alternative cooking arrangements to be available in case weather ensures fires cannot be used. Parental contact information and home contact information available in case of illness Separate sleeping accommodation available if needed to stop any illness spreading.