

<b>Location:</b>	Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre	<b>Date of Assessment:</b>	1/410	<b>Last Reviewed:</b>	Dec 22	<b>Name of Assessor:</b>	David Robinson
<b>Activity:</b>	Raft Building and Bridge Building	<b>Assessment Reference No:</b>	4.10		TME	<b>Signature of Assessor:</b>	

<b>HAZARD</b>	<b>CONTROL MEASURES</b>
Trapped body part in raft or between raft and river bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Instructor to carry a suitable rescue knife which must be easily accessible with one hand.</li> <li>▪ All rafts to be inspected by a competent instructor prior to launch to ensure raft suitability and that no loose ropes or excessive areas where an arm or leg could get trapped.</li> <li>▪ Instructors must have passed 'in house' competency training and assessment.</li> <li>▪ Instructor to carry line suitable for quick attachment to raft to enable raft to be rapidly recovered to bank in case of accident / emergency.</li> <li>▪ Participants advised where to put their hands and feet to avoid entrapment.</li> </ul>
River borne diseases / bacterial infections / Sharps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Participants must be strongly advised to shower with soap after activity, if they have fallen in or gotten excessively wet.</li> <li>▪ Advise participants to thoroughly wash hands on completion of task and before consuming food or drink</li> <li>▪ Participants were encouraged to cover any cuts or grazes with waterproof dressing prior to the activity, clean well and apply fresh dressing after activity.</li> <li>▪ All participants must be made aware of waterborne diseases and their prevention.</li> <li>▪ No swimming during or after high water conditions.</li> <li>▪ Users must be warned not to handle any sharps or syringes if discovered, and to alert the Instructor.</li> </ul>
Person falling overboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Instructors must position themselves to be able to conduct a prompt rescue should the need arise.</li> <li>▪ If on the water the Instructor must be in an open canoe capable of comfortably rescuing and fitting 2 additional people.</li> <li>▪ All activities involving standing up to be done well away from the bank and other objects.</li> <li>▪ If ashore Instructor must have a suitable throwline or reaching aid readily available in addition to an open canoe as above.</li> <li>▪ Instructors must have passed 'in house' competency training and assessment.</li> </ul>
Raft flipping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All rafts to be inspected by a competent Instructor prior to launch to ensure raft suitability.</li> <li>▪ Participants advised where to put their hands and feet to avoid entrapment.</li> <li>▪ Helmets must be worn by all when on the water.</li> <li>▪ Instructor to be nearby to enable the raft to be stabilised and recovered to bank in case of accident / emergency.</li> </ul>
Paddles and raft poles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure all participants, Instructors and observers wear helmets and buoyancy aids whilst on the water.</li> <li>▪ If deemed appropriate participants to wear helmets during the construction phase.</li> </ul>



Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Only run the session in suitable weather conditions.</li> <li>▪ Tailor session content to avoid prolonged exposure to harsh weather.</li> <li>▪ Avoid prolonged immersion of participants in water.</li> <li>▪ Use wetsuits during cold weather if deemed appropriate.</li> <li>▪ The group should stay within close proximity to the Centre buildings.</li> </ul>
Embarking or disembarking raft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Speak to the participants about safety issues regarding embarking and disembarking, no running or jumping on / off the raft close to shore.</li> <li>▪ Before the session, check the riverbank for appropriate embarking and disembarking places on both banks. These should be free from stinging nettles and anything else which would cause an injury.</li> <li>▪ Ensure the raft is secure against the bank when getting on and off.</li> </ul>
Further risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All risks should be minimised by continual appraisal of participant's condition, the environment and equipment through dynamic risk assessment by the staff members involved.</li> <li>▪ Due to the nature of the activity some risk remains but every care must be taken to minimise this.</li> </ul>

N.B. If the Risk Assessment mentions raft please substitute bridge for the Bridge Building Risk Assessment

