

Worcester Canoe Club - Reviewed Nov 2025– Next Review Nov 2026
General Risk Assessment Sheet. Appendix 9

Project Title: <u>Paddling on Home Water. IN THE DARK</u>		Assessors: J Parker	Risk Assessment		
Hazard & Likely Outcome	Persons Affected (member, public, contractor)	Description of Control Measures (note: ERICPD!)	P	S	Risk Rating
Water – Drowning.	Member	Training and BC recognised standard of ability as per BC guidelines. Correct boat buoyancy. Must be able to swim. Personal Buoyancy Aid must be worn.	2	4	MED
Darkness – Loss of Sight.	Members / Other River Users	Training and BC recognised standard of ability as per BC guidelines. Minimum Group of THREE people. Minimum Group of TWO boats. Recognised Course only to be covered.	2	4	MED
Other River Users – Collision / Capsize.	Members / Other River Users	Training and BC recognised standard of ability as per BC guidelines. Relevant Waterway Laws. Personal Awareness. Next of Kin notification of expected time duration.	1	3	LOW
Debris – Collision / Capsize.	Member	Training and BC recognised standard of ability as per BC guidelines. Personal Awareness. River awareness and River condition knowledge. River Law Navigation Lights MUST be shown.	1	3	LOW
Infection e.g. E.coli, Leptospirosis – Gastronomical Illness etc.	Members	Local River is a reasonably well maintained water course. Ensure that Paddlers understand the importance of hand washing and showering.	1	3	LOW
Temperature – Heat Exhaustion or Hypothermia.	Member	Training and BC recognised standard of ability as per BC guidelines. River awareness and River condition knowledge. Prevailing weather conditions. PPE – correct clothing for the prevailing / expected conditions. Training in Hydration and Exposure symptoms.	1	3	LOW

Notes on Use:

1. Identify all significant or potentially significant hazards associated with an item or activity
2. Apply hierarchy of control ERICPD

P \ S	Negligible 1	Minor 2	Major / Severe 3	Extreme 4
1. Improbable			LOW	MEDIUM
2. Remote			LOW	MEDIUM
3. Possible		LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
4. Probable		MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH

(Eliminate, Replace, Isolate, Control, PPE, Discipline)

3. Assign probability (P) of harm occurring (1 to 4)
4. Assign likely severity (S) of harm (1 to 4)
5. Identify risk rating from the matrix
6. Identify any **significant** information that needs to be passed on and recorded.