

JOINT WATER / ROCK SPORTS RISK ASSESSMENT

Benefit statement

Joint water and rock sports include gorge walking, gorge or ghyll scrambling, canyoning and sea traversing or sea levelling. All are high-adrenaline activities forcing the participant to deal with unusual environments. They encourage participants to support each other and work as a team, whilst providing significant mental and physical challenges for the individual to overcome.

Introductory statement

Currently joint water / rock sports are only provided via third party suppliers. OutdoorLads ensure that suppliers have valid insurance covering them for the activity to be delivered. The OutdoorLads Organiser of the activity, is merely there as a liaison between the delivering organisation and OutdoorLads participants.

All participants are asked to share relevant previous & existing medical issues prior to being able to register for the activity. Leader to group ratio amended as required by the delivering organisation. All accidents and incidents are recorded and appropriate action undertaken as required.

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Hazards arising from activity		Control measure(s) in place to reduce risk from each hazard	Arrangements to ensure the control measure(s) continue to be effectively implemented
All as per rock sports, but including:			
WATER	Drowning Entrapments Jumps & slides into pools	Participants' water confidence is known and confidence in water is made explicit before the participant registers for the activity. Avoidance of identified vegetation or rock hazards. Pools carefully checked for hazards before use. Landing areas for slides inspected and assessment made on prior to use. Pools entered feet first only.	
WEATHER	Sudden spate conditions	Weather forecasts interpreted, current, past, and future conditions considered.	