



VERULUM ANGLING CLUB RISK ASSESSMENTS - GENERAL

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Activity	Identified Hazards	How Long	Potential risk and harm	Current status and control	Chance Score	Harm Score	Control Score	Risk Rating
All outdoor activities	Sunlight		Sunburn/Sunstroke	Use sun cream/block. Wear a hat/sunglass	3	3	2	18
All outdoor activities	Insects		Bites & Stings	Avoid nests and wear repellent if vulnerable	2	3	2	12
All outdoor activities	Rats		Weil's Disease	Do not leave bait or food on the bank after fishing. Cover all cuts and abrasions. Sanitise hands prior to eating/smoking	3	5	2	30
All outdoor activities	Vehicles		Collision	Be aware of other vehicles in car parks and park where it is safe to do so. Be aware of ground conditions to reduce the risk of stranding.	3	3	2	18
All outdoor activities	Vehicles		Collision	Be aware when leaving fisheries where sight lines are compromised.	3	4	2	24
All outdoor activities	Cattle and other animals		Personal injury	Cattle are best avoided as far as possible. Ensure all gates are left as they were found. Be especially vigilant if young animals are present.	5	3	2	30
All outdoor activities	Vegetation		Personal injury/illness	Be aware of the risk of harmful plants. Do not cut and or handle plants unless known to be safe. Regular checks by the fishery management team for known irritants such as giant hogweed.	3	3	2	18
All outdoor activities	Blue/Green Algae		Illness	Where Blue/Green algae is known to be present signage must be displayed notifying the risks.	3	3	2	18
All outdoor activities	Water		Drowning	Check the integrity of the bank before setting up. Be aware of bankside vegetation.	5	3	2	30
All outdoor activities	Slips, trips and falls		Personal injury	Be aware that natural banks can be slippery and have hidden obstructions. Check all routes for safety before carrying tackle.	3	3	2	18
All outdoor activities	Slips, trips and falls		Personal injury	Steps and bridges can become slippery when wet or icy. Caution to be used and loads carried reduced	3	3	2	18

Fishing	Power Lines		Electrocution / Death	All overhead power lines to be signed. Fishing to be restricted in the proximity of any lines.	3	5	2	30
Fishing	Unexpected illness		Unable to seek medical assistance	Fishing alone in isolated locations makes seeking help more difficult in times of emergency. Mobile signal may be poor or non-existent. Location may be difficult in rural areas. Consider fishing with others, check mobile signal and consider the use of 'What Three Words' app as a location tool.	3	5	2	30
Fishing	Hooks and lures		Cuts and puncture wounds	No tackle to be left unattended. No baited hooks to be left out of the water. Use of barbless hooks to be encouraged.	5	3	2	30
Night fishing	Slips/trips and falls		The risk of personal injury increases during darkness	Members are requested to minimise movement around the fishery during the hours of darkness	4	3	3	36