

CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMPS – BURLEIGH HEADS **SURF RAFTING**

Activity Coordinator:

Venue(s) Tallebudgera Creek, Currumbin Creek, Lacey's Beach, Camp Drewe (Lennox Heads), Various other locations
Date of Excursion:

Ages Attending:

The Process –

1. Breakdown the activity into actions (eg. off and on the bus, in transit, toilet stop, each activity at venue, unstructured time)
2. For each activity:
 - Identify what hazards may exist, what harm may result, and to whom - consider **consequences** should an incident occur
 - Enter what practices you currently have in place to reduce the **frequency** or **consequences** of injury
 - Discuss **as a group** what further controls are possible-consider risk versus educational outcome. Does the control measure actually introduce any **new risks?**
 - Identify & document **who** puts each control in place and in what time frame
3. When considering 'further controls' start at the top of the following 'hierarchy of control'- the higher on this list the more reliable the control:
 - Eliminate – some activities of an excursion may need to be eliminated if the risks can't be controlled eg swimming in a dangerous rock pool
 - Substitute - lower risk activity with same outcome eg swimming at patrolled beach between the flags
 - Redesign - change or reorder activities eg swimming activity changed to cooler time of day to avoid peak sun exposure
 - Isolate – provide clear instructions to participants at the start of an activity eg set boundaries to keep participants out of problem areas
 - Admin controls – plan & coordinate each action of an activity eg clear rules & expectations for activity, supervision roster
 - Personal protective equipment – last option that should be considered but in some cases the only practical control eg approved helmet for horse riding

Review – this workplace health and safety risk assessment is to be reviewed when:

- An incident where staff or students are injured
- Any staff member considers the level of risk has become unreasonable
- A change in staff or participant mix
- A new activity is introduced
- Circumstances change significantly
- There is new information that may influence the risk assessment
- After the activity
- Each time the activity is undertaken

You must do this step to complete the risk management process because: it's the law (WH&S Act), it is an internal audit requirement, it ensures the knowledge gained is passed on to others proposing to engage in a similar activity, the review process improves the skills of those staff involved.

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Appendix B – Hazard Assessment Categories

Step 1 – Identify the Hazard

Risk category	Example of Risk	Hazard Category	Example of Hazard
Sound	Hearing Damage	Electrical	Shock, Burns
Biological	Micro-organisms	Kinetic Energy	Projectiles, Penetrating Objects
Hazardous Substances	Skin contact, Inhalation	Mechanical Energy	Caught between, Struck by / against
Extremes of Temp	Effects of Heat or Cold	Thermal Energy	Spills and Splashes of Hot Matter
Gravity	Falling Objects, Slips, Trips and Falls of People	Radiation	Ultra -violet, Arc Flashes, Micro-Waves, Lasers
Confined Spaces	Restriction of movement	Vibration	Aggravates body/limbs stability

STEP 2 - Calculate the RISK Rating (Low / Medium / High) using the chart below.

RISK ASSESSMENT FACTORS		
EXPOSURE (Rating) 1 RARE (less than 20%of time) 2 OCCASIONAL (20%-60% of time) 3 FREQUENT (over 60% of time) (This refers to the amount of time in any given working day that staff are exposed to the Hazard)	PROB. OCCURRING (Rating) 1 UNLIKELY 2 POSSIBLE 3 VERY LIKELY (This refers to the probability of an injury occurring should the Hazard be engaged)	CONSEQUENCES (Rating) 2 MINOR (Scratches/ Bruises) 3 MODERATE (Breaks/ Burns) 4 SERIOUS (Permanent loss) (This refers to the potential severity of the injury)
Score 6 and below = L	Score 7 = M	Score 9-10 = H

STEP 3 - Specify the Control Measure (Column 3 over page) required to **eliminate** the hazard or bring it's consequences to a **Low** rating.

Control Categories		
Elimination	Risks to be designed out and control measures to be designed in.	Hazard eliminated
Substitution	Replace the material / part or process with a less hazardous one.	Hazard eliminated
Re-Design	Redesign work processes to eliminate the risk.	Hazard eliminated
Separation	Isolating the hazard from the people by enclosing or guarding.	Hazard covered
Administration	Adjusting the time or conditions of risk exposure.	Hazard worked around
P. P. E.	Using appropriately designed and properly fitting equipment where above controls are not available.	Hazard remained but staff protected

Please note: Some hazards may not be identified in the above "Hazard Assessments". These have been labelled as "other".

Activity/Camp Coordinator Date / / (Signature)	Site Manager Date / / (Signature)
Risk assessment authorised by WH&S Officer Andrew Grant Date / / (Signature)	Other relevant parties Name Date / / (Signature)

Activity Risk/Hazard	Consequences and/ or Description of Risk <small>(Describe circumstances/tasks that might produce the Risk. If possible, list activity, procedure or job. Recall previous experience on similar projects if necessary.)</small>	Level of Risk	Control Measure to be Implemented	N - Not Done D - Done I - Implementing		
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Walking to & from the venue (Roads, National Park, Bridges)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slip, trip, fall - participants may be injured by passing vehicles Participants may lose their footing and slip, trip or fall Participants walk off designated path Participants loose contact with the group 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants to be asked to mind their step Participants are led by instructors/leaders Participants only cross roads when deemed safe by instructors/leaders Participants use pedestrian crossings where available. Participants cross road using underpass Participants must use designated paths through National Park Participants are instructed to stay in between 2 designated leaders (front & rear). 		✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	
Supervision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participant disappearance Participant behaviour Behaviour causing injury Drowning - Lack of supervision could result in participant disappearance Participant behaviour being affected, could lead to injury. 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participant to instructor ratios met (as per Education Queensland guidelines) Unqualified leader is, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, to run the activity on their own. Qualified instructors are always used. CYC Surf Rafting Standard Operating Procedure is followed 		✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	

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Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharps in toilet Harm to participant - Sharps or a person intending harm. 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants to be “buddied” to ensure participants are in a minimum group of 2. 	✓	
Public Venue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harm to participant Members of the Public - Sharps or a person intending harm. Disappearance of participant 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants to be buddied to ensure participants are in a minimum group of 2. 	✓	
Participant Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participant Health Participant Fitness - Participants not being in a fit physical state to participate Entrapment under raft Swimming in white water 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants to remove all loose jewellery, apparel or ornaments, which may cause injury to themselves or other participants. Parental consent forms to be completed prior Participants are to wear life vests and helmets at all times Participants are instructed not to intentionally enter the water, unless instructed to. Participants are instructions, skills and drills session in calm water prior to entering surf. 	✓	✓
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training - Non-Adherence to safety instructions 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity to be led by qualified staff/trainers. CYC Surf Rafting Standard Operating Procedure is followed 	✓	✓
First Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unqualified staff - Further agitation of injury 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrator of first aid to have current first aid qualification First aid kit to be available at all venues Staff are trained in advanced first aid 	✓	✓ ✓
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rafts Life vests Rafts damaged during activity Paddles 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment to be an appropriate standard and meet safety requirements A maintenance schedule applies to all equipment CYC Surf Rafting Standard Operating Procedure is followed 	✓	✓ ✓
Creek/beach (water & surrounds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drowning Behaviour of participants Crowd control - lack of supervision – not seeing the situation Participant ability – not being able to swim or float 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor/leader to be aware of weather conditions and cancel event in the likelihood of unsuitable canoeing conditions. Parents to return information regarding participant abilities. These need to be addressed and participants grouped accordingly. 	✓	✓

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYC Surf Rafting Standard Operating Procedure is followed 		✓	
Participant ability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to swim - If the student is out of their ability range – injury or drowning could occur 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents to return information regarding participant abilities. These need to be addressed and participants grouped accordingly. 		✓	
Entrapment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drowning • Injury 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All leaders/ guides to undertake as a minimum, training to the equivalent of the following competencies shown in SIS10 Sport, Fitness Recreation Training Package: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SISOWWR302A Demonstrate white water rescues and recoveries ○ SISOWWR403A Perform complex white water rescues and recoveries • All leaders/guides to ensure information and instructions set down in the Safe Operational Plan • All participants to be briefed so they clearly understand the hazard and how they can avoid it or work with the guide to escape the entrapment. • Ensure all participants are physically capable and sufficiently skilled to raft the rapids. If not arrange portage for these participants over the rapids 			
Ultra-violet rays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radiation - Sunburn • Heat stroke • Heat exhaustion 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants to be requested to wear sunscreen and sun shirts. • CYC provides sun shirts and water bottles for each participant • Participants to be requested to drink often to alleviate risk of heat stroke or heat exhaustion 		✓	
Non-participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision - lack of supervision 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One additional adult/leader to accompany instructors/leaders to supervise non-participants 		✓	
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact - contactability 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors/leaders to ensure mobile is available and taken on activity • CYC Surf Rafting Standard Operating Procedure is followed 		✓	

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Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slips, Trips & Falls • Lightening - Injury • Electrocution • Heavy rain 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the weather conditions are unsuitable the activity should be cancelled. 		✓	
Stingers in water. E.g. Blue bottles, jelly fish, lice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stings • Allergic reactions • Severe reactions 	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors/leaders to assess water conditions where possible and cancel event if unsuitable. • If stung, apply first aid and seek lifeguard assistance/ambulance. 		✓	✓

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