



# **MACS** Risk assessments

<b>Area or Activity being Assessed:</b> Water sports at Strathclyde park										
<b>Date of Assessment:</b> June 2015 reviewed June 2016 reviewed July 2017										
<b>Person Conducting Assessment:</b> Paula Kane										
Benefits of activity or area	Identified Hazards	Frequency of Risk			Who may be harmed	Level of Harm			Control Measures	Frequency of checks
		Low	Med	High		Low	Med	High		
<p><b>Water sports are highly challenging and fun.</b></p> <p><b>They increase self-esteem in youth and reduces anxiety and stress.</b></p> <p><b>They also enhance eye/hand and large muscle coordination.</b></p>	Accidents During Transportation	X			All Participants		X		<p>Consent forms completed by parents prior to outings, including accidents permission and children's safe behaviour on outing.</p> <p>Registers and emergency contacts to be taken with staff to venue</p> <p>Staff to take mobile phone and first aid kit for emergency use.</p> <p>Seatbelts to be worn and checked by staff.</p> <p>Numbers on the bus match registers before leaving venue to be supervised and safe place to disembark discussed and agreed with driver and staff.</p> <p>Staff to be aware of other vehicles parking and keep to pedestrian paths.</p> <p>Safe outing rules and risk assessments discussed with children before departing on outing.</p>	<p>Risk assessments adhered to and read by all staff before outing.</p> <p>Changes to risk assessments completed and explained to managers if changes/ concerns occur.</p> <p>Risk Assessment updated after outing if any changes occur</p>



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<p><b>Promoting self-belief self-confidence in the children.</b></p>									<p>Adequate staff to child ratios adhered to and safe walking rules to be planned by staff and children.</p> <p>Children with ASN will have keyworker assigned to them at all times.</p> <p>Staff assigned groups of children before departure and whilst on outing.</p>	
<p><b>A sense of responsibility and further listening skills.</b></p>	<p>Welfare of Children whilst at park and during water sports activities.</p>		<b>X</b>		<p>All Participants</p>		<b>X</b>		<p>Safety talk with staff and specialist water sports team before any activity resumes.</p> <p>Children must listen and obey instructions of staff and of the M&amp;Ds staff.</p> <p>Children must have a towel and a complete change of clothes, including shoes. If any child does not have these they will be unable to take part.</p>	
<p><b>An awareness of their strengths, new talents and abilities.</b></p> <p><b>Problem solving and</b></p>	<p>Condition of Loch/ Welfare of Children</p>	<b>X</b>			<p>All Participants</p>	<b>X</b>			<p>A decision will be made on the day as to whether the algae levels are too high for the activity.</p> <p>The activity will be cancelled that day in that event.</p> <p>Staff arrive 15 minutes prior to start time.</p> <p>Children must have swimming costumes to wear under wet suit and children</p>	



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<b>communication skills</b>									must be wearing footwear which is no slip and can get wet. Another dry pair of footwear must be taken to change into.	
<b>Leadership and team working skills</b>										
	Potential drowning / loss of life		<b>X</b>		All Participants			<b>X</b>	Parents must read carefully and acknowledge on permission slip that child can swim one length of pool unaided.  Staff must check that qualified instructors from the Heritage Loch are on site at all times.  Children must be over 8 years and above.  Safety talks with children will be completed and children made aware of all safety aspects on how to stay safe during activity.	



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	Injury to limbs/unconsciousness/cramps		<b>X</b>		All Participants		<b>X</b>	<p>Children must follow safety rules and must wear lifesaving equipment.</p> <p>Staff attending loch must be able to swim but should not endanger their own life.</p> <p>Red rings must be noted for lifesaving and whereabouts of Heritage Loch Staff.</p> <p>Children must have at least 1/2 hour after meals before activity.</p>	
	Reaction to Emergency Situation		<b>X</b>		All Participants		<b>X</b>	<p>Staff will have children's updated registration details including Dr's details and emergency contacts with them at all times.</p> <p>Staff can keep in contact with main base by mobile phone.</p> <p>Staff and children will adhere to all M&amp;Ds safety instructions and will ensure safety talks with specialised staff is completed beforehand.</p>	



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	Behaviour/ lost or Missing Children	<b>X</b>			All Participants	<b>X</b>			<p>Children and parents will be aware that acceptable behaviour is a necessity at all times.</p> <p>Rules for safe outing with children agreed before outing.</p> <p>Children will be removed from the activity and supervised by a member of staff at the Heritage Loch Centre if they fail to obey safety rules.</p> <p>If child missing alert venue staff immediately. MACS staff will commence search of venue area and If no sign of child in first 5 minutes contact Police and project.</p>	
	Public Access to Toilet Area	<b>X</b>			All Participants	<b>X</b>			<p>Children must be escorted to toilet area at venue at all times.</p> <p>Disabled toilet to be used if possible.</p> <p>Ratio of staff to children to ensure sufficient supervision at toilet area at all times</p>	

**Staff Disclaimer**

I have read and understood the above risk assessment and understand that it is my responsibility to ensure I continually risk assess the play environment. If any concerns or changes occur then it is my responsibility to communicate these to my manager.

**Staff Signatures & Date signed:**

**Review Date:**