



RAMS – PADDLING

Hazard	Consequence	Likelihood	Risk rating	Controls	Consequence	Likelihood	Risk Rating
Staff inexperience or poor judgement	5	C	H	<p>An Outward Bound Australia (OBA) Group Leader (GL) manages the activity and the site using their knowledge, experience and training combined with a strict framework for working within the Procedures, Guidelines and Teaching Points of the Operations Manual.</p> <p>Specifically, from the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Duty of Care - Hazardous Tree Assessment - Weather - Supervision Ratio Table - Behaviour Management - Child Protection - Program set up - General - Water (Paddling) Activities <p>Other relevant policies to the activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manual Handling Policy - Gear Maintenance and Replacement Policy <p>Additional oversight for activities is provided through the Program Coordinator/Head of Operations in the approval and running of programs depending upon additional factors which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening of Participants • Weather conditions • Fire Danger Rating • Technical Files 	2	A	L
Damaged and/or failure of equipment, including repair and safety equipment	5	C	H		2	A	L
Exposure to weather and changing weather conditions adverse to paddling (e.g. cold water, high winds, thunderstorm)	5	C	H		2	A	L
Snakes, spiders, ants and other wildlife can be encountered	5	C	H		2	A	L
Inadequate supervision	5	C	H		2	A	L
Incorrect or insufficient activity equipment	5	C	H		2	A	L
Unsecure stash site for gear & equipment	3	C	M		2	A	L
Unclear or inadequate briefing and/or skills session	3	C	M		2	A	L
Interaction with members of the public on the water including other crafts	3	C	M		1	A	L
Loading/unloading and carrying heavy equipment	3	C	M		1	A	L
Low water level and exposed rocks	3	C	M		1	A	L
High water level and/or flood water including strainers, fast moving water, undercurrent, debris, submerged hazards, fishing lines and log jams	5	C	H		2	B	L
Quick change in water levels directly affecting rapids classification	3	A	L		1	A	L
Quick change in wind direction and force affecting water condition and group	5	C	H	2	A	L	



togetherness				<p>All GLs to conduct a field risk assessment prior to starting the activity or use of the site as per the Operations Manual.</p> <p>Activities protocol</p> <p>Procedures for cancellation: notify the PC of any changes to the activity, sites or conditions of activity/participants/site. Yes or No go activity?</p>			
Changing and moving water features e.g. strainers, stoppers, eddies, waves, log jams	5	C	H		2	A	L
Collision with another boat and/or obstacle	4	C	H		2	A	L
Close proximity to private land on the water banks (No Go Zone)	4	C	H		1	A	L
Limited vehicle access to the river/water course	4	C	H		2	B	L
Limited communication means from the river/water course and to the Coordinator	5	C	H		2	C	L