

# BARTON CAMP

## RISK ASSESSMENT: USING THE CAMP POOL

Assessment agreed and signed for by: ..... Position: ..... Date: .....

Task, Activity or Environment being assessed.	What are the hazards or Dangers?	Who or what is affected?	Degree of potential injury?	<b>Existing controls</b> to either eliminate or reduce the risk of an accident happening.	Probability of an accident happening?	The Risk Rating
<b>Using the Camp Pool.</b>	1. Supervision.	Pupils, staff, volunteers & the public.	Serious – Fatal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One person should be designated as the party leader.</li> <li>• Same gender supervision must be available when pupils are using the changing room facilities.</li> <li>• Adequate life-saving cover must be available to the user group. This would consist of a suitably trained lifeguard or competent person to ensure the safe retrieval of pupils/staff from the water.</li> <li>• Pupils are regularly assessed on ability to see what areas of the pool are safe for them to use.</li> <li>• No member of the party must swim or attempt to swim in water whose depth is deeper than what they can confidently stand up in. They must be capable and well supervised to go into deep water.</li> <li>• A regular head count is made of pupil/staff numbers <b>All adult helpers having unsupervised access to participants during changing times or swimming must be CRB checked.</b></li> </ul>	<b>Possible</b>	<b>Medium Risk</b>
	2. Drowning or serious injury due to slipping, pushing & horseplay	Pupils, staff, volunteers & the public	Serious – Fatal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils are given instructions as to what level of behaviour is expected.</li> <li>• Rules of the pool and warning signs must be clearly communicated to all in the group. I.e. No Diving, No Unauthorised floats, No eating or drinking and No “Bombing” (jumping in the pool curled up like a ball)</li> <li>• The pool must be kept clear at all times. Equipment such as floatation aids, life saving equipment and lane markers should be stored appropriately ensuring safe access and egress is available from the water.</li> <li>• Pupils must not run around the perimeter of the pool.</li> <li>• Pupils are assessed on ability to see what areas of the pool are safe for them to use.</li> <li>• Anyone exhibiting poor behaviour is told to sit out.</li> <li>• Non swimmers are carefully monitored at all times.</li> </ul>	<b>Possible</b>	<b>Medium Risk</b>
<b>Continued on next sheet</b>						

<b>Using the camp pool.</b>	<b>3.</b> Water Clarity.	Users of the Pool	Serious injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any reaction to excessive irritant in the water must be reported to the camp manager.</li> <li>Camp warden ensures that the chemical balance in the pool is appropriate and safe for use.</li> <li>Water that is or appears to be discoloured should be checked by a competent person prior to anyone entering the water to clarify that it is safe to use.</li> </ul>	<b>Possible</b>	<b>Medium Risk</b>
	<b>4.</b> Bad or anti-social behaviour.	Pupils, staff & members of the public.	Minor injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervising staff should ensure that overcrowding does not take place when children are using the pool.</li> <li>Pool attendants should make it clear to anyone acting in an anti-social manner that it is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.</li> </ul>	<b>Possible</b>	<b>Medium Risk</b>
	<b>5.</b> Injury & accidents.	Pupils, staff & the public	Serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Life belts etc must be readily available at all times</li> <li>Pupils/staff are briefed as to what to do if they get into difficulties or an emergency arises.</li> <li>Staff should have the means of contacting the emergency services in case of an emergency.</li> <li>First aid provision should be known to staff.</li> <li>The party leader must have the appropriate first aid knowledge</li> <li>Be aware of safety factors that could lead to unexpected illness/incident, i.e. sudden immersion into cold water triggering an Asthma attack, an allergic reaction to chemicals in the pool.</li> </ul>	<b>Possible</b>	<b>Medium Risk</b>
	<b>6.</b> Sump outlet pipes.	Pupils	Serious injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Those responsible for the management of the pool should ensure that outlet pipes at the bottom of the pool are securely fastened.</li> <li>Holes in grilles should not be large enough for children's fingers to become trapped.</li> </ul>	<b>Possible</b>	<b>Medium Risk</b>

**Section 2 – Action Plan for further controls**

Hazard needing further control?	<b>Additional precautions</b> needed to eliminate or reduce the hazard to at least a <b>Medium Risk</b> or ideally a <b>Low Risk</b>	Who is responsible for implementing these controls?	When are these controls to be implemented?	When were these controls implemented?
<b>1. Supervision.</b>	<p><b>With respect to age, ability and pupil's numbers, Ensure supervisors &amp; helpers understand their roles and are fully briefed on what actions are required in the event of an emergency.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ratio of adults to pupils for ages 5-8 should be 1 to 8. For ages 8-11 the ratio should be 1 to 12.</li> <li>Additional help may be necessary to supervise pupils not swimming or leaving the water early.</li> </ul>	<b>Supervising Staff</b>		

Written by Geoff Dowle.

Date assessment written; **February 6<sup>th</sup> 2007.** Date for review: **February 2009**

**For further information – See Barton Camp risk assessment about using the swimming pool**