

Risk Assessment

Activity: Swimming Pool

Activity Aspect	Hazard	Risk	Likelihood	Risk Level	Rating	Control measures
Setting up/packing up the activity	Pool	Falling in	Rare	Major	High	Every instructor who sets up the pool is a qualified lifeguard or is under the supervision of a qualified lifeguard.
		Drowning	Rare	Major	High	
	Wet pavers	Slipping	Unlikely	Moderate	Moderate	Every instructor who sets up the pool is a qualified lifeguard or is under the supervision of a qualified lifeguard.
	Chemicals in shed	Corrosion on the skin				There is a no running rule at the pool. Every instructor who sets up the pool is a qualified lifeguard or is under the supervision of a qualified lifeguard.
						On top of that, only instructors who are trained to use the chemicals are allowed to use them.

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Introduction/Debrief	Pool	Falling in	Rare	Major	High	
						Every instructor at the pool is a qualified lifeguard or is under the supervision of a qualified lifeguard. Participants are either kept outside the pool area during an intro or taken straight to the lawn area inside the pool area.
	Wet pavers	Slipping over	Unlikely	Moderate	Moderate	Every instructor at the pool is a qualified lifeguard or is under the supervision of a qualified lifeguard. There is a no running rule at the pool. On top of that, only instructors who are trained to use the chemicals are allowed to use them.
	Pool inflatables	Rough play	Possible	Moderate	High	No rough play is allowed. The lifeguards watch closely the behaviour of swimmers and pre-emptively take action when rough play is recognised.

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Running the activity	Pool	Drowning	Unlikely	Catastrophic	Extreme	<p>Every instructor at the pool is a qualified lifeguard or is under the supervision of a qualified lifeguard.</p> <p>Participants are advised to stay within their skill level. For example, if a participant can't swim they are to stay at the shallow end.</p>
		Unintentional Rough Play	Unlikely	Catastrophic	Extreme	<p>Every instructor at the pool is a qualified lifeguard or is under the supervision of a qualified lifeguard.</p> <p>Rules are put in place at the start to discourage rough play and instructors through their lifeguard training are taught to be aware of potential rough play and to cut it off.</p>

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		Rough Play	Rare	Catastrophic	High	Every instructor at the pool is a qualified lifeguard or is under the supervision of a qualified lifeguard.
						Rules are put in place at the start to discourage rough play and instructors through their lifeguard training are taught to be aware of potential rough play and to cut it off.
		Sunburn	Possible	Moderate	High	All participants, instructors and volunteers are to apply sunscreen before coming to the pool.
		Hypo/Hyperthermia	Very unlikely	Major	High	Instructors through their lifeguard training and first aid training are taught the causes, symptoms, and treatments for these illnesses. They make sure to monitor this over a session to ensure that people don't get to these extents.

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		Irritation of eyes and skin	Unlikely	Moderate	Moderate	<p>Participants are encouraged to wear goggles or other eye protection in the water to limit the chance of eye irritation.</p> <p>The pool is tested at the start of each day to make sure the chemical levels are adequate to not cause irritation and is safe for participants.</p> <p>Every instructor at the pool is a qualified lifeguard or is under the supervision of a qualified lifeguard.</p> <p>These instructors are trained in their lifeguard course to assess the signs of weak and non-swimmers and to deal with these participants appropriately.</p> <p>Participants are advised to stay within their skill level. For example, if a participant can't swim they are to stay at the shallow end.</p>
		Incompetent swimmers	Likely	Major	Extreme	<p>Every instructor at the pool is a qualified lifeguard or is under the supervision of a qualified lifeguard.</p> <p>These instructors are trained in their lifeguard course to assess the signs of weak and non-swimmers and to deal with these participants appropriately.</p> <p>Participants are advised to stay within their skill level. For example, if a participant can't swim they are to stay at the shallow end.</p>

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				Possible	Major	Extreme	
		Sitting on shoulders, falling, and hitting head	Possible				Rules are put in place at the start to discourage rough play and instructors through their lifeguard training are taught to be aware of potential rough play and to cut it off.
		Children diving in the water and hitting their head	Possible	Catastrophic	Extreme		There is a No Jumping rule put in place from the start of the session. If participants want to get in the water they have to use the stairs, ladders, or slide in from the side on their backside. Every instructor at the pool is a qualified lifeguard or is under the supervision of a qualified lifeguard.

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		Children jumping in the water and hitting another child	Possible	Catastrophic	Extreme	<p>There is a No Jumping rule put in place from the start of the session. If participants want to get in the water they have to use the stairs, ladders, or slide in from the side on their backside.</p> <p>Every instructor at the pool is a qualified lifeguard or is under the supervision of a qualified lifeguard.</p>
		Holding Breath too long	Unlikely	Major	High	<p>Every instructor at the pool is a qualified lifeguard or is under the supervision of a qualified lifeguard.</p>
	Wet pavers	Slipping	Unlikely	Major	High	<p>There is a strict no running rule put in place at the start of the session. Participants are only to walk on the pavers. Instructors are trained to monitor this.</p>

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Environmental	Bees	Sting	Unlikely	Major	High	All participants have to wear footwear to the pool and are only allowed to take them off when about to get in the water. Participants are advised to not antagonise bees if they are spotted around the pool.
	Animals in the pool (Frogs, Lizards)	Polluting the water	Possible	Minor	Moderate	Every morning the pool is checked for contaminants and are removed if there are any. The pools chemical levels are also checked regularly to make sure the water stays healthy for swimming.
Maintenance	Poor water quality	Irritation to the skin	Unlikely	Moderate	Moderate	The pool is tested at the start of each day to make sure the chemical levels are adequate to not cause irritation and is safe for participants.
	Vomit, Diarrhoea	Sickness	Rare	Major	High	The campsite has strict rules on campers coming with sickness. This lessens the chance of someone attending a pool session with a sickness.

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						Instructors are trained in what to do if a situation like this does occur in the pool.
Other	Volleyball net	Getting caught in the net	Rare	Major	High	When the net is used, it is hung up tightly to keep it up off the water and swimmers are told not to grab hold of it while in the water.

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Risk Matrix

Risk assessment matrix template as specified by the Australian Adventure Activity Standards Core Good Practice Guide v1.0 which was updated in 2019.

The level of risk matrix combines the scales for likelihood and consequence to produce a qualitative description of the level of risk. An example of the level of risk descriptors are low, moderate, high and extreme. There is a direct relationship between the increased likelihood of something occurring, the worse the consequences are and the higher the level of risk.

Likelihood	Consequence				
	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
Almost Certain	High	High	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme
Likely	Moderate	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
Possible	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme	Extreme
Unlikely	Low	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
Rare	Low	Low	Moderate	High	High

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