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**Offsite Risk Assessment**

**Risk vs Benefit Statement.**

‘We believe in the positive aspects of undertaking challenges in a wide range of activities and experiences in the outdoors.

One of the key foundations of the Outdoor Learning approach is the intentional acceptance of both the benefits of undertaking activities in the outdoors and the potential risks of doing so. Challenges might be physical and/or psychological and may include real and/or perceived risk for the participants where real and often immediate consequences can lead to powerful and highly memorable learning experiences.’ (Institute of Outdoor Learning)

At Pinkston Watersports we share the ethos of the IOL, we strongly believe that the range of activities we offer bring great benefits to all our clients and users allowing them the chance to build confidence, strength, independence, and social network, allowing them to realise their full potential.

**Review period.**

All documents to be reviewed annually by Pinkston Watersports Management Team. All those who require the risk assessment to carry out their work will also have an opportunity to input into the review process.

| **Risk** | **Possible injury** | **Who might be harmed?** | **How is the risk controlled?** | **Remedial Action** |
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| Someone falling in the canal | Musculoskeletal  Drowning | Instructor/ member of group | Two members of staff are present when going off site to manage young people.  When walking along the canal, instructor must have 10m throwbag  Staff will carry mobile phones to contact Pinkston if help is needed. |  |
| Losing young people | Abduction | Instructor/ member of group | Two members of staff are present when going off site to manage young people.  Staff will carry mobile phones to contact Pinkston if help is needed. |  |
| Crossing roads and getting hit by car | Musculoskeletal injuries | Instructor/ member of group | Two members of staff are present when going off site to manage young people.  Use pedestrian crossings if available.  Staff will carry mobile phones to contact Pinkston if help is needed |  |
| Antisocial person/group disturbing the group. | Frighten young people | Instructors/ young people | Two members of staff are present when going offsite to manage/protect young people.  Instructors have been advised to return to Pinkston if there are any issues.  Staff will carry mobile phoned to contact Pinkston if help is needed. |  |
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