

Swimming Pool

Activity Area: Outdoor Swimming Pool
Minimum Staffing Level: 1 Instructor (Qualified Lifeguard)
Staff/Pupil Ratio: 1:20
Staff Qualifications: RLSS National Pool Lifeguard Qualification, STA Lifeguard Qualification
Maximum Number of Participants: 30
Role of Accompanying Adult: Spotter

Hazard	Outcome/Injury	Persons at risk	Rating	Existing Controls
Water	Drowning	Participants	3 - 1	Swim aids may be available for weaker swimmers. Qualified lifeguard present for duration of all pool activities. Rescue aids available for use in the pool area. Pool area secured against unsupervised use.
Poor visibility	Drowning	Participants	3 - 1	Activities stopped if visibility falls too low.
Poor water clarity	Drowning	Participants	3 - 1	Water chemically treated to maintain clarity. Water clarity checked by instructor prior to each activity. Activities stopped if clarity falls too low.
Poolside equipment	Trips, Sprains, Cuts, Grazes, Bruises	Participants Instructors Observers	3 - 3	Poolside kept tidy. Participants made aware of hazards in initial safety brief. No running permitted on pool side.
Hitting Pool bottom	Head injury Spinal injury Death	Instructors Participants	3 - 2	No jumping or diving allowed. Entry into pool by approved methods only. Water depth signs displayed on pool side.
Pool water quality	Chemical burns, Skin irritation, Respiratory irritation	Instructors Participants	4 - 3	Chemical levels checked daily. Activities stopped if chemical levels are hazardous.
Wet floors in changing rooms	Slips, Broken bones, Head injury, Cuts, Grazes, Bruises	Instructors Participants Observers	3 - 2	Non-slip surfaces in changing rooms. No running permitted in changing rooms.
Submerged grilles	Trapped fingers, Drowning	Participants	3 - 1	Small holes in grilles preventing tampering.
Submerged steps	Head injury, Spinal injury	Participants	3 - 2	Position of steps explained in initial safety briefing.
Floating Objects	Head & body injury	Participants	2 - 3	Restricted access to aids. Aids only to be used during structured sessions.
Hyperthermia / Hypothermia	Serious injury	Instructors Participants Observers	3 - 2	Appropriate clothing, time out of sun, fluid breaks.
Chemical handling	Chemical burns, Skin irritation, Respiratory irritation	Instructors	3 - 2	Plant room to be locked at all times, with restricted accesses. Trained members of staff only to use controlled chemicals. All PPE and first aid equipment readily available Chemicals to be handled/added at pool closing times.

WALESBY FOREST RISK ASSESSMENT

Sun	Sunburn	All	3 - 4	Instructor/Leader must ensure that they make the group aware of the dangers relating to the sun i.e. heatstroke & sunburn. Instructor/Leader to ensure that the group have suitable clothing, e.g. long sleeves, trousers and sun hat.
Unauthorised Access	Death or Serious injury	All	3 - 1	Group Leader briefing, signage & controlled access. Area locked and secure when not in use Security equipment in use alerting Duty Manager via pager if unauthorised access is made.

Key

Rating: Likelihood (1 = Very High, 2 = High, 3 = Medium, 4 = Low) - Consequence (1 = Fatal 2 = Major Injury 3 = Minor Injury 4 = No Injury)