

Risk Assessment Statement

Dukes Barn staff have completed risk assessments on adventurous activities offered to course members.

This process involves examining the activity and the environment in which it takes place to assess any potential hazards. The identified potential risks are minimised by relevant safety procedures and effective group management.

Unlike many risk assessments, these are not prescriptive and consider the knowledge, experience and judgement of the instructor leading the activity.

The instructors are a common element in the 'management of risk'. These instructors will hold a relevant National Governing Body Award or a site-specific accreditation. A current First Aid Certificate and be familiar with the venue. They will observe and assess the group's needs throughout the activity session and change their plans and the nature of the activity to meet these needs. They will consider the effects of the weather and any other external factors, e.g. other groups that may influence the session's safety, enjoyment and learning outcomes.

Appropriate safety and personal protective clothing are provided for all activities. This equipment, the relevant CEN, is regularly inspected and removed from stock if found unsuitable for use.

The cooperation of the student /client is essential in minimising potential risks.

All instructors reserve the right to terminate an activity if they believe the behaviour of any group member is putting others at risk.