



Generic Risk Assessment Snorkelling

Hazard	Expected Outcome	Who is Affected?	Risk Before	Action Taken	Risk After
Faulty equipment	Bruises, cuts and abrasions	Group	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment should be checked by the Instructor prior to and during the session. 	Low
Misuse of equipment	Injuries due to being hit by equipment	Group	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor to brief group on the correct usage of the equipment. Instructors should remain vigilant to ensure groups are using equipment as briefed. 	Low
Incorrectly fitted equipment	Drowning	Group	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All PPE should be checked by the Instructors prior to participants entering the water and constantly monitored. 	Low
Wet pool side	Slips, trips and falls	Group/ Instructor	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor should brief the group with the pool rules. This should include walking around pool sides. 	Low
Incorrect technique with snorkel	Choking	Group	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor to demonstrate correct use of the snorkel. Instructor to ask participants to demonstrate correct clearing of snorkel. Qualified Lifeguard to be present at all sessions. 	Low
Incorrect walking in fins	Slips, trips and falls	Groups	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor to demonstrate correct technique for walking in fins. Instructor to ensure group only wear fins in water. 	Low
Other water users	Collision with other people	Group/ Public	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity area should be roped off. Group should be briefed about keeping away from any other water users. 	Low
Deep Water	Drowning	Group/ Instructor	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor should check swimming ability in the shallow part of the pool. Buoyancy aids should be worn by participants. Qualified Lifeguard to be on duty. 	Low
Pool bottom	Hitting the bottom	Group/ Instructor	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor to explain pool rules, for example no diving or jumping. 	Low