

General Swim

Generic Risk Assessment

Hazard	Risk	Who is Affected?	Risk Before			Action Taken	Risk After		
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Faulty Equipment	Injury due to equipment breaking and hitting participant e.g. bruises, cuts and abrasions	Team	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment should be checked by the staff member prior to and during the session. 	2	1	2
Equipment	Misuse of equipment leading to injuries due to being hit e.g. bruises, cuts and abrasions	Team	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to brief participants on the correct usage of the equipment. Staff member should remain vigilant to ensure participants are using equipment as briefed. Participants to be adequately spaced out before using equipment. 	2	1	2
Safety equipment	Incorrectly fitted causing injuries/drowning	Team	4	2	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All PPE should be checked by the staff member prior to participants entering the water and must be constantly monitored. A trained lifeguard will be on duty at all times. 	4	1	4
Equipment on pool side	Collisions causing bruises, cuts and abrasions	Team	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to check for any hazardous objects prior to the session and remove if necessary. 	3	1	3
Participants	Collisions with other participants causing concussion, bruises or abrasions	Participants	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to ensure there is good participant control during the session. 	2	1	2
Participants	Participants pushed into pool leading to	Team	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to give a safety brief to include no pushing each other into the pool (the staff member also must not push participants into the pool). 	3	1	3

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Pool sides	Collisions causing bruises, cuts and abrasions	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants to be briefed by staff member to be careful when swimming near the pool sides. 	3	1	3
Surfaces	Wet pool side causing slips, trips and falls	Team	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member should brief the participants with the pool rules. This should include walking around pool sides. 	3	1	3
Water	Lack of supervision leading to drowning	Participants	4	2	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A trained lifeguard will be on duty at all times. The following emergency equipment must be readily at hand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long pole Lifebuoy with attached rope (length to be at least half the width of the operating area) and/or throwing rope (length to be at least half the width of the operating area) Fully stocked first aid kit Participants must be offered buoyancy aids so that weaker swimmers can wear them if necessary. Staff member must remain vigilant and maintain good participant control. 	4	1	4
Other water users	Collisions causing concussion, bruises or abrasions	Participants & Public	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity to be carried out in designated area away from any other water users. Operating area must be clearly roped off. 	2	1	2
Pool water	Cold temperature causing hyperthermia	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to check pool is not too cold prior to session starting. Staff member to remain vigilant throughout the session and remove participants from the pool if they are getting too cold. 	3	1	3
	Incorrect levels of chlorine causing	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site manager to ensure swimming pool water is being checked for chlorine levels and that the site have a system 	3	1	3

	infections/ irritation					in place for monitoring this.			
Pool bottom	Collisions with bottom of pool causing bruises, cuts and abrasions	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to explain pool rules i.e. No jumping or diving. 	3	1	3
Weather	Risk of sunburn, heat exhaustion and dehydration	Team	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure regular water breaks are taken. If it is hot, ensure participants wear sun cream and hats and there is a shaded area available. 	3	1	3
Lost Child	Lack of supervision leading to injuries	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to carry out regular head counts and remain vigilant at all times. 	3	1	3