

Caving

Risks:

1. Equipment failure
2. Injury due to falling
3. Students operating independently of the instructor
4. Exhaustion / hypothermia
5. Flooding
6. Emotional injury

Risk	Risk Management
all	a. All instructors will be trained and assessed before taking groups caving. Only those Local Cave Leaders authorised by the Centre Manager are to run caving sessions.
2,3	b. Instructor to student ratio will not exceed 1:12.
all	c. Safety procedures will be included in the student briefing.
2,4	d. Protective clothing, helmets and lamps will be worn by all instructors and students. Students attempting the rope traverse must use a harness and karabiners to attach to the safety rope.
2,3,6	e. The instructor is in charge of the whole group for the duration of the caving session, whether or not they are caving. Group leaders, whilst assisting in group control, should be carefully managed and treated as one of the group in all aspects of caving. Group leaders are not to be given any responsibility for instructing.
5	f. Where caves that are at risk from flooding are being used, the instructor in charge must obtain an up to date weather forecast and be aware of the surface conditions. If there is a risk of flooding, the trip is to be cancelled.
1	g. Students must be told how to carry and protect equipment in transit as well as when in use. The care of ropes is to be particularly emphasised.
3	h. The instructor is to position him / her self so that they can supervise the movement of the group through the cave. Students are to be instructed not to wander away from the group.

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i Students must be closely supervised around climbs or drops.

