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Rafting – Newtown

Risks:

1. Drowning
2. Falling in and immersion in cold water
3. Hypothermia
4. Head injuries
5. Getting washed downstream into weir / rapids
6. body parts getting trapped etc between moving parts

Risk Management

all	a. Instructors and assistants will be assessed by the Watersports Technical Advisor.
all	b. Instructor to student ratio will not exceed 1:12.
all	c. Safety procedures will be included in the safety briefing.
1	d. The instructor is to ensure that he/she is aware of any non swimmers taking part in the activity.
1	e. All participants will wear buoyancy aids, properly fitted and of a suitable size.
1,2	f. Rafting groups must never be of less than three people.
1,2,5	g. The instructor is to maintain control of the group at all times and to ensure that no group members are too far away to be quickly assisted by either the instructor or assistant in the event of a capsize or other incident.
1,4	h. Helmets are to be worn by all instructors and students during sessions of instruction.
5	i. River sites must not be used in high water levels. The Centre Manager must be consulted if there is any doubt as to the suitability of the site.
2,3 on all sessions.	j. Relevant safety equipment (throw line, emergency bag) is to be carried on all sessions.
5	k. The instructor or assistant is to be aware of the whole group at all times and able to effectively tow any raft up stream before it drift onto rapids or weirs.
6,1	Instructor must carry knife in case of entrapment in ropes.
1,4,5,6	l. measures taken to prevent raft been washed on or over wier – boundaries set, rafts kept in close during high water, instructors in a position to bring raft to shore if raft heads below overhead cables.