

## RISK ASSESSMENT FOR FLY FISHING – INLAND STILL WATER

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HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	PRE-ACTION RISK H/M/L	PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN	POST-ACTION RISK H/M/L	FURTHER ACTIONS
Water Hazard (Drowning)	ALL	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site familiar to guide and suitable for group.</li> <li>• Guide is qualified Lifesaver.</li> <li>• Deep water avoided if possible.</li> <li>• Auto-inflation life jackets may be required, depending on the abilities of participants.</li> <li>• Vigilance by guide and group at all times.</li> <li>• Suitable footwear worn by all.</li> <li>• Specific hazards highlighted to group.</li> <li>• CPR Mask carried by guide.</li> <li>• Guide is First Aid trained.</li> </ul>	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continual monitoring of group and weather conditions.</li> </ul>
Fly hooks & rods	ALL	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eye-wear to be worn at all times.</li> <li>• Only barbless/de-barbed hooks used.</li> <li>• Specific hazards highlighted to group.</li> <li>• Group members positioned safely.</li> <li>• Vigilance by guide and group at all times.</li> <li>• First Aid kit carried by guide.</li> <li>• Guide is First Aid trained.</li> </ul>	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continual monitoring of group.</li> </ul>
Overhead power cables	ALL	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No fishing in the vicinity of overhead power cables.</li> </ul>	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continual monitoring of group.</li> </ul>
Uneven, slippery ground and obstacles hidden under vegetation and underwater when wading.	All	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific hazards highlighted to group.</li> <li>• Group made aware that <b>this hazard cannot be completely eliminated and will always be present.</b></li> <li>• Suitable footwear worn by all participants.</li> <li>• Walking poles available to group members. These may also be used as wading sticks.</li> </ul>	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vigilance from all of the group.</li> <li>• On approach and departure from venue, the guide walks in front and the rest of the group follow in single file. Hazards are highlighted by the guide and passed along the line to ensure that all are aware.</li> </ul>

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Medical emergency or serious injury.	ALL	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully charged mobile phone in waterproof case carried by guide, group briefed on its location and use.</li> <li>• Emergency procedures in place for late return and loss of communications.</li> <li>• Comprehensive First Aid kit carried by guide, group briefed on its location and use.</li> <li>• Group asked to declare any medical conditions and to ensure that they are in possession of any medication.</li> <li>• Abandonment of activity if deemed necessary by guide.</li> </ul>	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continual close monitoring of group by guide.</li> <li>• Vigilance by all.</li> </ul>
Risks posed by wild animals and insects.	ALL	M-H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group briefed on the hazards presented by: Midges and Horseflies – Irritant that may cause loss of concentration, leading to more serious accident.</li> <li>Ticks – Possibility of Lyme Disease and symptoms thereof. Tick removal tool carried by guide in First Aid kit.</li> <li>Stags (during rutting season) – May challenge walkers, stay well clear.</li> <li>Adders – Venomous snake but very rare, even large specimen would struggle to inject venom into leg through even just cotton trousers, first bites often non-venomous, be vigilant.</li> </ul>	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continual close monitoring of group by guide.</li> <li>• Vigilance by all in group.</li> </ul>

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Increased or emphasised risks associated with participants with limited abilities (e.g. children, elderly or disabled).	SEE HAZADRD	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The guide will endeavour to thoroughly ascertain the abilities of each individual within the group, paying particular attention to persons with limited abilities.</li> <li>• Each individuals' ability must be carefully considered by the guide and the activity planned and conducted accordingly.</li> <li>• Participants under sixteen years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times and that adult must ensure that the child or young person fully understands the risks and will adhere to the precautions given in the risk assessments.</li> <li>• Persons with disabilities that significantly hinder their ability to safely undertake the activity must be accompanied by a carer who - through reading, understanding and adhering to the risk assessments - will be responsible for the safety of the individual.</li> </ul>	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should limited abilities, or more severely limited abilities than previously disclosed, become apparent during the activity, the activity may be modified or abandoned.</li> <li>• Thorough briefing and Q&amp;A by the guide prior to commencing the activity.</li> <li>• Openness and honesty continually encouraged by the guide to ensure an enjoyable and safe experience for all participants.</li> </ul>