

Aberdeenshire Council

Outdoor Activity Generic Risk Assessments

3.1 Snowsports: Piste Skiing (Alpine and Telemark)

Risk to: Instructors/Group members

Hazard	Risk	Control measures
1. Skiing activity	Slips and falls. Collisions. Head injury. Group separation.	<p>Instructors will be trained to NGB standards in group management and instructional techniques appropriate to the level of the activity</p> <p>Instructors will choose a suitable venue taking account of the nature of the activity, the ability level of the group and weather conditions.</p> <p>Group members will wear or carry clothing appropriate for the specific activity and venue.</p> <p>Group members will be briefed on hazards specific to the activity and area being used and will be instructed in the skills and techniques needed to avoid them/deal with them.</p> <p>The instructor and the group will carry safety equipment appropriate for the specific activity and venue.</p> <p>Children under 12 will always wear a helmet of the appropriate specification.</p>
2. Equipment	Unsuitability. Failure. Damaged. Wrongly fitted.	<p>All equipment will meet current specifications and/or accepted standards where applicable and will be suitable for its intended use.</p> <p>Equipment will be regularly maintained, serviced and where required tested to current specifications.</p> <p>Where used, release bindings will be fitted and adjusted by an appropriately trained individual according to currently accepted best practice.</p> <p>Instructors will carry a repair kit suitable for the activity.</p> <p>Instructors will visually check equipment at time of issue. If group members are using their own equipment the Instructor will ensure it is suitable for the expected conditions and nature of the activity.</p> <p>Instructors will make a final check of equipment prior to the activity starting ensuring that it is fitted properly.</p>
3. Snow and weather conditions	Possible increased risk level. Cold. Hypothermia. Sunburn.	<p>Instructors will obtain information on weather and other relevant factors and make an assessment of conditions prior to any activity taking place.</p> <p>Instructors will modify or curtail the activity if prevailing conditions are inappropriate for the group or the planned activity.</p> <p>Instructors will ensure that each member of the group is appropriately clothed, carries or has access to sufficient food and that additional food, clothing and equipment is available to suit the expected conditions and nature of the activity.</p> <p>Instructors will be First Aid trained to the level required by the NGB for the activity.</p>

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Outdoor Activity Site/Route Specific Risk Assessments

Activity:

Risk to:

Hazard	Risk	Control measures

Continue on separate sheet if required.