

RA CAN12 - THIS RISK ASSESSMENT SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH BOTH THE
GENERIC AND ENVIRONMENT SPECIFIC RISK ASSESSMENTS

AVON OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES CLUB

Risk Assessment Activity: Canoeing and Kayaking (Sharpness Canal)

Risk	Who may be Affected	Mitigation
Canal Infrastructure		
a) Collision / impact to head <ul style="list-style-type: none">Low bridges	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There are a few low bridges especially towards Paulton / Sharpness that <u>can not</u> be canoed under. The coach will stop the group and await for the Bridge Keeper to open the bridge prior to proceeding.There is one low bridge towards Gloucester. This can be canoed under on a stern rudder. The Coach should stop the group and make the Bridge Keeper aware of the groups intention to go underneath so the bridge is not opened during passage. Group instructed how to stern rudder under bridge if required.
b) Cuts to hand / legs <ul style="list-style-type: none">Canal bank steel pilings	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The piling tops may have sharp edges, close inspection is required before accessing or egress the canal bank.Some sections have collapsed, these provide a lower bank for easy access but care is required due to potentially sharp edges or unstable ground.

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