

Activity Description & Location
Swimming – Offsite – Camp Wilkin

USE RATING: A



- Use: A Must be operated by Baptist Camping Victoria qualified staff
 B In house training at Baptist Camping Victoria required before using this equipment
 C Safe operating procedures must be read and adhered to by all users of this equipment
 D Does not apply

| Risk | Risk Factor | Likelihood | Consequences | Initial Level of Risk | Description of risk | Risk management strategy | Revised Level of Risk |
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| Submerged objects | Injury to participants | Likely | Moderate | MEDIUM | 1.Participants may hit their head or bodies on submerged objects when in the water 2.Participants may stand on rocks or submerged objects when falling into water | 1.Activity leader should inform participants of risks and seek out safe areas within the water 2.All swimming should be conducted at safe beaches 3.Activity leader should check and be aware of any coral reefs, sandbanks, or rock piles within the designated swim area and seek out alternative swim spots if possible | LOW |
| Drowning | Deep water, inexperienced swimmers | Rare | Catastrophic | LOW | 1.Participants may drown if they go out in deep water and cannot stand 2.Inexperienced swimmers may drown in deep water | 1.Ensure participants do not go out deep in the water during session 2.Inexperienced swimmers should stay in shallow water, or not participate in activity based on assessed skill level 3.Activity leader must be CPR trained 4.Swim between the flags where available | LOW |
| Animals | Sharks, jellyfish, crabs, fish, stingrays | Rare | Catastrophic | LOW | 1.Participants may be bitten by animals whilst in the water causing injury or death | 1.Do not swim in areas with recent shark sightings or closed beaches 2.Activity leader should monitor for animals in swimming area and get participants out of water if dangerous animal is sighted 3.Reduction by instruction – do not touch or stir up any animals that are seen in the water | LOW |
| Water users | Injury from other water users | Possible | Moderate | LOW | 1.Participants may be hit by other surfers 2.Other swimmers may hit participants 3.Boat users may hit participants | 1.Ensure adequate spacing within group to minimise risk of hitting other water users 2.Do not swim around large groups of swimmers or surfers to minimise risk of hitting them 3.Do not surf out deep where boat users are 4.Activity leader & participants should monitor where other swimmers and surfers are to ensure they do not go too close to them | LOW |
| Exposure to elements | Hypothermia | Rare | Major | LOW | 1.Participants may suffer from hypothermia if exposed to water for long periods of time | 1.Participants should wear appropriate swimwear for conditions, wetsuit for cold weather 2.Do not conduct swimming if temperatures are too cold and participants do not have appropriate clothing | LOW |
| Exposure to elements | Sunburn, heat stroke, heat exhaustion | Possible | Moderate | MEDIUM | 1.Participants may get sunburnt if exposed to sun for long periods without sun protection 2.Participants may suffer heatstroke or | 1.Ensure participants have appropriate sun protection such as sunscreen, hat and long clothing in hot temperatures 2.Ensure participants reapply waterproof sunscreen as recommended | LOW |

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| | | | | | heat exhaustion due to strenuous activity in hot conditions | 3. Monitor participants showing signs of heatstroke or exhaustion, discontinue activity if it becomes unsafe 4. Do not run activity at the hottest time of day during summer if conditions deemed unsafe | |
| Water | RIPS, strong currents | Possible | Critical | HIGH | 1. Participants may get caught in RIPS or strong currents and dragged out | 1. Do not run activity in known areas of rips 2. Monitor conditions constantly to assess for RIPS or strong currents in the water 3. Maintain 1:6 ratio at all times within the water to prevent risk 4. Activity leader should be swim trained and know how to save someone from a RIP 5. Swim between the flags when available with qualified life guard | MEDIUM |
| Entanglement | Seaweed | Rare | Critical | LOW | 1. Participants may become entangled in seaweed around their necks or limbs | 1. Participants should be appropriately spaced out within the water to minimise risk of strangulation on seaweed 2. Groups should not be swimming in areas full of seaweed to minimise risks | LOW |
| Lost participants | Swimmers getting separated from group | Rare | Major | LOW | 1. Participants may become lost or separated from the group | 1. Evaluate skills of participants prior to commencing activity, do not run activity if group skills are not adequate 2. Monitor weather conditions prior to session commencement and during session to minimise risks 4. Appropriate contact between all leaders should be maintained at all times | LOW |