

## Risk Assessment Statement

Dukes Barn staff have completed risk assessments on adventurous activities offered to course members. These risk assessments have been inspected and approved by the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority.

This process has involved examining the activity and the environment the activity takes place in to assess any potential hazards. These potential hazards may then be minimised by relevant safety procedures and effective group management.

Unlike many risk assessments, these are not prescriptive and take into consideration the knowledge, experience and judgement of the instructor leading the activity.

The instructors are a common element to the 'management of risk'. These instructors will hold relevant National Governing Body Award or a site specific accreditation. A current First Aid Certificate and be familiar with the venue. They will observe and assess the needs of the group throughout the activity session and will change their plans and nature of the activity to meet these needs. They will consider the effects of the weather and any other external factors e.g. other groups that may influence the safety, enjoyment and learning outcomes of the session.

Appropriate safety and personal protective clothing is provided for all activities. This equipment the relevant CEN, is regularly inspected and is removed from stock if found to be unsuitable for use.

The co-operation of the student /client is an important factor in minimising potential risks.

All instructors reserve the right to terminate an activity if they believe the behaviour of any member of the group is putting others at risk.