

DESCRIPTION OF TASK / ACTIVITY	<p>Generic Risk Assessment (Snowsports)</p> <p>This is a generic Risk Assessment. It is the responsibility of the Head of Establishment / Visit Leader to prepare a Risk Assessment for a visit that recognises these general hazards but also provides adequate details of the hazards and control measures of their specific undertaking.</p> <p>Local Authorities / other organisations may require Visit Leaders to complete their own specific risk assessment template e.g., one that uses a scoring system that provides a quantifiable measure of the risk.</p> <p>The generic information below sets out general hazards and control measures, which can be adapted and used with any template – the information can be used either as a standalone risk assessment for the adventure activity element of a visit or integrated into the risk assessment for a whole visit.</p>
LOCATION	

Item	Aspect of trip: potential hazards and risks	Who is at risk?	What are you already doing, i.e. what Control Measures are already in place?	Further Actions Required
1	Travel & Transport			
2	Participants Health & Wellbeing			
3	Venue			
4	Activity			
	Incompetent staff		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity instructors will hold the relevant qualification for the venue and activity (e.g. Snowsport Scotland or BASI) 	
	Inappropriate plan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group members will be adequately trained and prepared for the venue and activity Staff are adequately skilled and experienced for activity and environment 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans assessed and approved by technical expert 	
	Injury through collision or fall		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants to wear helmets Group briefed on personal safety Activity leader skilled and qualified to manage group Activity leader trained to appropriately manage a casualty and rest of group in the event of injury Group will be aware of slope etiquette (FIS Safety Code) 	
	Inappropriate or poorly fitted/adjusted technical equipment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All technical equipment to be fitted and checked by an appropriately qualified technician 	
	Cold		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity leader to check that all participants have adequate clothing for weather and conditions Spare clothing available 	
	UV exposure: snow blindness, sunburn		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goggles, sun-glasses, suncream to be worn as appropriate Instructor to remind about and oversee methods of protection 	
	Poor choice of slope resulting in injury		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity leader assesses slopes for group needs and ability Activity leader to be aware of natural and fixed hazards (rocks, fences, pylons etc) and brief group 	
	Ski tows/lifts: (Falling off, getting clothing/equipment caught, being hit by lift mechanism)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group briefed on what to do if they fall off a tow or the activity leader has to deal with someone falling off Group made aware of procedures for getting on/off tows safely Group made aware of dangers of clothing/backpacks being snagged 	
5	Weather & Environment			
6	Emergencies			

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