


Company Name	LOCH INSH	 LOCH INSH OUTDOOR CENTRE
Address of Premises	KINCRAIG INVERNESS - SHIRE PH21 1NU TEL: 01540 651272	

Task	Raft Building	Risk Assessment No.	RAB 015
Name of Assessor	J Freshwater	Signature	J.Fresh
Assessment Date	11-09-2025	Review Date	11-09-2026

What are the significant hazards?	Who might be harmed and how	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to control the risk?	Action by Who	Action by Date	Completion date
Injuries from carrying equipment, Barrels/ poles to and from storage area.	Staff and visitors at risk of injury from equipment	Introduction talk on procedure and building techniques. Safety brief given Method explained to group 2 persons to a log when carrying	Group supervised at all times.	Group leader/ Instructor	immediate	
Dropping raft when launching and recovery	Staff and visitors at risk of injury from carrying equipment	Managing raft movement carefully Assisting when necessary Explaining procedures when required	When multiple rafts being built manage launching 1 at a time	Instructor	immediate	
Injury when	Staff and	Mention injuries in safety brief.	If out of back bay	Instructor	immediate	

moving around raft	visitors at risk of injury from equipment or others on raft	Management system in place Rafting confined to back bay initially Helmets to be worn when afloat	provide safety cover			
Falling into water/ risk of collision with other raft/rafters	Staff and visitors at risk of injury from equipment or others on raft	Main area to be used is shallow. Advise to stand up in first instance. Buoyancy Aid worn at all times when afloat. Helmets worn when afloat None swimmer(s) identified and watched carefully.	Safety boat available when rafts afloat Instructor must have a control system which is understood by all.	instructor	immediate	
Cold water Shock	Staff and visitors	Maintain control of group in shallow water only never far from the side Pull kids out immediately who show signs of shock and send with staff to warm up in changing rooms Get into water before going onto raft to minimise shock of coldness	instructor in water monitoring constantly	instructor	immediate and ongoing	
Health issue restricting ability	Staff and visitors at risk from underlying health issues	Check medical declarations prior to departing Discuss activity with client to ensure they understand what they are undertaking Ensure any required medication is with client and they understand how to apply it.	Call Beach if required Instructor carries radio in dry bag	instructor	immediate	
Rope entanglement	Staff and visitors at risk	Only 8 ropes per raft No end loops to trap fee	Instructor double checks knots before	instructor	immediate and ongoing	

	of being entangled in ropes	No slipknots	loading craft			
Falling into shallow water	Staff and visitors at risk of falling into shallow water	Sweep Bay to make sure no large rocks in it Warn group that it is shallow and make aware of risks	Monitor activities and keep out of shallow water when falling in is inevitable	Instructor	Immediate and ongoing	04-11-23