

Risk Assessments for: Searching Rivers - Lakes – Ponds – Bank Search

Date of Assessment: January 2008

Description of Hazard	Persons Affected	Severity - Likelihood Scoring	Risk	Control Measures	Residual Risk	Implemented by.	By When.
Drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search technicians Misper if found 	C x 3	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct bank procedures – see attached safe working procedure Team awareness 	D x 3 = Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search Controller Team Leaders 	Start of the search
Entrapment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search Technicians Misper if found 	C x 3	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct bank procedures – see attached safe Team awareness Awareness of environment (tides) 	D x 3 = Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search Controller Team Leaders 	Start of the search
Trip - hazard (trees, floor covering, ropes etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search Technicians Misper if found 	C x 2	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observation of surroundings whilst searching Correct bank procedures – see attached safe 	D x 2 = Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Leaders Search Technicians 	Whilst searching
Lacerations - branches/trees, etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search Technicians Misper if found 	C x 2	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observation of surroundings whilst searching First Aider in team 	D x 2 = Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Leaders Search Technicians 	Whilst searching
Penetration Injury – branches, brambles etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search Technicians Misper if found 	C x 2	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observation of surroundings whilst searching First Aider in team 	D x 2 = Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Leaders Search Technicians 	Whilst searching
Whip Injury - from ropes, or branches/ bushes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search Technicians Misper if found 	C x 2	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct bank procedures Observation of surroundings 	D x 2 = Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Leaders Search Technicians 	Whilst searching

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Hypothermia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search Technicians • Misper if found 	C x 3	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct bank procedures – see attached safe • Team awareness • First Aider in team 	D x 3 = Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Leaders • Search Technicians 	During search and post search
Weil's Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search Technicians • Misper if found 	C x 3	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wound awareness • Personal hygiene awareness • Medical assessment/ treatment afterwards if required 	D x 3 = Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search Technicians 	Start, during and post search

NB: Members involved in any “water” searching to read additional procedures/ safe working practices within the **Safe Working Procedure for: Bank Searches of Ponds, Rovers, and Lakes etc.**

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