

B and S Generic Risk Assessment 007A for Snow Sport (Ski and /or Snowboard) Residential

This generic risk assessment is designed to prime consideration of an event-specific Risk-Benefit Assessment carried out by the Visit Leader and their Assistant Leaders and sample monitored by their EVC.

BENEFITS & PRIORITISED LEARNING OUTCOMES: See event-specific RBA

Significant Hazards and Associated Risks <i>Those hazards which may result in serious harm or affect several people</i>	Control Measures <i>Controls, including relevant sources of guidance</i>
Inappropriate Leadership	Activity management takes account of group characteristics. Leaders trained, competent and experienced with clearly defined roles and responsibility for all staff. Visit Leader should hold Snowsport England Ski Course Organiser or Alpine Ski Leader award. All staff have received training re emergency procedures and protocols. Leaders familiar with employer interpretation of OEAP National Guidance and Establishment policy/systems Preliminary visit strongly recommended.
Transport to and from venue	Organiser familiar with OEAP National Guidance specialist guidance for educational visits involving Snow Sports. Use reputable (LOtC badged?) travel company./coach company. Follow NG and employer guidance re transport. Establish an operational base in any ferry terminal or airport. Establish an operational base on ferry. Students to be closely supervised in motorway service areas.
Party members lost or separated	Students to carry ID cards with emergency contact protocol Party to be broken down into sub-groups and allocated to designated staff Buddy systems and Head counts Party briefed on bases/meeting points
Incidents involving members of the public	Parents and students signed up to Code of Conduct Contract Effective staff allocation to ensure policing of briefing instructions Behavioural management strategies in place and understood by all members of party
Accommodation hazards e.g. fire, electrical appliances, stairwells, outside balconies, local traffic etc.	Preliminary visit to ensure proper understanding of significant hazards Risk management strategies discussed and understood by all staff supervisors Students properly briefed on hazards and controls, effectively supervised, fire drilled asap etc
All snowsport activity hazards	Effective supervision of students to and from slope/ski school. All on-slope activities to be supervised by reputable ski school or appropriately competent and qualified school staff in accordance with national and employer guidance. Minimum qualification for ski slope supervision is Alpine Ski Leader Award. No "free" skiing/snow boarding. Supervise lunch stops. Staff intervention strategy for inappropriate lesson groups and to supervise sick and injured.
All non-snow sport activity hazards e.g. evening activity programs (discos, tobogganing, ice skating), resort down-time	Staff fully aware of all supervision issues and control measures. Students briefed and set clear parameters Staff duty rotas to ensure 24/7 supervision Student understanding of Code of Conduct clarified in detail, reinforced and effectively supervised.