

Risk Assessment for the Pool



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Risk level	Action required/approval
Low Little chance of incident or injury	✓ Obtaining parental permission is recommended

Description

Apex Camps offers the use of the camp pool to groups/schools. The pool is not heated, approx 15 metres long with varying depth of 1.0m to 1.5m

Supervision

APEX does not provide a lifeguard or supervisor to supervise people in the pool outside of designated Apex Pool activities

All groups using the APEX Camp pool must be **directly supervised** by a responsible adult.

Teachers/Supervisors are responsible for controlling all behavioural issues from the camp attendees at all times.

Constant active supervision is required for children aged 6–10 years old. Supervisors and Teachers must be prepared to enter the water with this age group.

First Aid/Accident/Incidents/Injuries

Supervisors/Teachers are responsible for supplying all first aid items required during their stay. It is mandatory that all accidents/incident and injuries be reported to APEX staff and the appropriate paperwork be completed as required by APEX staff whilst on camp.

In assessing the level of risk, considerations such as the likelihood of an incident happening in combination with the seriousness of a consequence are used to gauge the overall risk level for an activity. The matrix below has been used as a guide to assist with developing the risk assessment:

Likelihood	Consequence				
	1 Insignificant	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Major	5 Critical
5 Almost Certain	Medium	Medium	High	Extreme	Extreme
4 Likely	Low	Medium	High	High	Extreme
3 Possible	Low	Medium	High	High	High
2 Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High
1 Rare	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium

Risk Level	
Low	Little chance of incident or serious injury.
Medium	Some chance of an incident and injury requiring first aid.
High	Likely chance of a serious incident and injury requiring medical treatment.
Extreme	High chance of a serious incident resulting in highly debilitating injury.

Hazards/Risks	Control Measures
Water Quality Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool to be tested 3 times per day for chemical balances • Monthly testing carried out by contractor • All biological material is to be removed from the pool • Visual pool inspection to be carried out daily • Basket filters cleaned out as required • Sand filters back flushed weekly • Record of water testing to be kept and updated daily
Environmental conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather • Surfaces • Surrounds • Temperatures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure students bring appropriate clothing • Assess weather conditions before and during activity (e.g. temperature, storms) • Check and assess surrounds for loose items, debris and hazards and suitability of participants. • Boundaries and safety rules clearly defined at commencement & modified where required during sessions • Assessment made of environmental conditions prior to undertaking water-based activities • Pool is not to be used during lightning and thunderstorms
Pool and Pool area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slips and trips • Supervision • Injuries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool area kept free from non-essential items • Paving and pathway kept in good condition • Supervisor/teacher is to be in control and actively supervising people in the pool at all times • No children under the age of 16 are allowed in the pool without adult supervision • No running around the pool edge • No diving allowed in the pool, depth varies from 1.0m – 1.5m • No bombs • No rough play • No shoulder rides • All injuries/accident/incidents are to be reported to an APEX staff member
Drowning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access • Supervision • Pool safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor/teacher is to be in control and actively supervising people in the pool at all times • No children under the age of 16 are allowed in the pool without adult supervision • Pool gate is to be kept closed at all times, gate is not to be propped open • Pool fencing is maintained in good condition • All items are to be kept 1m clear of pool fencing • No alcohol is allowed on site • No glassware is allowed in the pool area • De-fibrillator is kept at the site office for emergency use