

ADDINGHAM ANGLING ASSOCIATION

RISK ASSESSMENT

This document is meant to aid anglers in determining the risks involved with activities on the river

Activity								
Hazards	Risks	General access and angling related activities				Additional Control Measures (To Reduce the Risk)	Residual Risk	
		Existing Conditions and Controls	Risk Assess (Existing Controls)		L		S	
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Access to the River	Contact with passing traffic at parking areas	Avoid standing in road, be aware of oncoming traffic.	1	4				
Access to the River	Slips trips and falls crossing stiles, fences and uneven areas. Wooden surfaces can be slippery	Wear appropriate footwear, be aware of slippy surfaces, be observant of obstacles and uneven ground.	3	1				
Access to the River	Barbed wire and electric fences	Do not touch potentially electrified fencing. Avoid wherever possible barbed wire, report problems to AAA Secretary.	3	1				
Access to the River	Drowning	Avoid overhanging and high riverbanks, be aware of the possibility that the riverbank is undercut. Do not wade unless you are experienced at wading.	1	5				
Access to the River	Falling into river	When walking along the riverbank avoid close proximity to the bank edge.	2	2				
Access to the River	Injury from farm animals	Avoid farm animals wherever possible and always avoid passing between a cow and a calf. Stay vigilant when walking across farmland where farm animals are present.	1	3				
Access to the River	Dogs. Many dog walkers do not properly control their dogs	Be vigilant of approaching dogs and consider moving out of their path.	1	3				
Personal Health	Sunburn	Cover skin, wear suntan lotion.	3	1				
Personal Health	Weils Disease	Wash your hands as soon as possible after fishing or sampling and before eating, drinking or smoking. Cover all wounds with waterproof plasters and wash all new cuts with alcohol before covering with a waterproof plaster. Report all instances of unexplained fever to your doctor.	1	4				
Personal Health	Lyme's Disease	Check body for ticks immediately after returning from the field. Remove any ticks and swab the area with alcohol. Report any unexplained fever or rash at the bite site to your doctor as soon as possible.	1	4				
Personal Health	Alcohol consumption reducing personal awareness	Avoid excessive consumption of alcohol when fishing. Avoid wading in fast or deep water.	2	2				

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	Hazards	Risks	Existing Conditions and Controls	Risk Assess (Existing Controls)		L	S	
				L				S
Personal Health	Pre-existing medical conditions	Follow medical advice. Carry any medication appropriate for your condition. Ensure others know where you are.	1	3				
Personal Health	Electrocution from overhead wires	Exercise caution when casting in vicinity of electric cables. Be aware of the danger from high voltage wires.	1	5				
Personal Health	Giant Hog Weed	Ensure you are able to identify Giant Hog Weed. Do not come into contact and report location to Secretary.	1	3				
Personal Health	Insect bites and stings	Use insect repellent. Avoid wasp and hornet nests.	3	1				
Personal Health	Cuts and abrasions	Use barbless hooks to minimise injury from hooks. Carry disinfectant and plasters.	3	1				
Fishing	Wading	Do not wade in areas you are not confident in. Pay especial attention to the river level during high water conditions and do not assume that the riverbed is safe. Use a wading staff. After high water be aware that the riverbed may have altered.	2	2				
Fishing	Casting	Wear glasses or other eye protection. Always check for anyone behind. Do not approach another angler without ensuring that they are aware of your presence	1	4				
Fishing	Overhanging and steep banks	Do not approach the edge of high riverbanks.	1	3				
Fishing	Flooding	Check the EA river levels. Do not attempt wading in high water unless you are confident of the riverbed. Do not wade in fast water.	1	5				
Bailiffing/ Carrying Out Club Work	Physical violence or assault	Avoid confrontation wherever possible. Plan an escape route when a potential confrontation is unavoidable. Carry a mobile phone.	1	4				
Bailiffing/ Carrying Out Club Work	Any injury when carrying out club work parties	A Work Party should be appointed and give a specific risk assessment and guidance.	1	4				
Bailiffing/ Carrying Out Club Work	Using tools to undertake work	Only use tools that you are competent to operate.	1	4				
Bailiffing/ Carrying Out Club Work	Incapacity due to injury whilst working	Avoid lone working wherever possible. Carry a mobile phone. Ensure others know where you are.	1	4				

LIKELIHOOD (L)	
Low	1
Possible	2
Occasional	3
Common	4
Likely	5

SEVERITY (S)	
Low	1
Slight	2
Moderate	3
High	4
Severe/Very High	5

LIKELIHOOD (L)	SEVERITY (S)				
	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5
2	2	4	6	8	10
3	3	6	9	12	15
4	4	8	12	16	20
5	5	10	15	20	25

RISK OUTCOME	
LOW	Acceptable
MEDIUM	Acceptable with additional controls
HIGH	Unacceptable - do not commence activity