

Lihou - Rock Pooling - Risk Assessment

What is the risk	Who Might be Harmed and How	Level of Risk	Control Measures Implemented	Remaining Risk After Controls
Deep Water	All participating persons	Medium	- Selection of boundaries appropriate to both the weather conditions and age/ability of the group - Area selected for activity where deep water is either distant or obvious and easily avoided - Strategic positioning of staff/adult supervisor to 'shepherd' where needed but especially with primary age participants - Throw lines carried by staff - Known and obvious recall signal to be established	Low
Slippery rocks/weed and uneven surfaces (Beach)	All participating and supervising persons	High	- Hazards identified before the start of the activity - Obvious areas of high concern highlighted and subsequently avoided - Footwear to be worn by all - First aid kit carried - Primary age participants not permitted to carry full buckets over rocks - Participants not permitted to move stones bigger than their head to avoid back and crush injuries	Low
Flotsam and Jetsam	All participating and supervising persons	Low	Person briefed not to pick up any liquid containers, metal objects or fishing equipment due to the possibility of hooks etc being present	Medium to Low
Poisonous or hazardous sea life	All participants and supervisory persons	Medium	- Footwear to be worn - Students briefed about specific species such as sea urchin and conger eel	Low
Rising tide and inter-tidal zone	All participants and supervisory persons	High	- Specific attention paid to tide times and height of high water - All person briefed as to the time of low water - Activity area to avoid areas that may be isolated by tide coming in behind them - No remote supervision for primary age participants	Low
Injury caused by any of the above	All participating and supervising persons	Medium	- First aider present during activity and in known location/RV point - First aid kit situated in the house - Eye wash in the house - Defibrillator situated in the house - Emergency services trained and familiar with the house and island and familiar with both high and low water evacuation should it be required	Low
Potential unexploded ordnance risk (items from world wars, occupation, etc.).	All participating and supervising persons	Medium	- If suspected ordnance or similar is discovered you must take immediate action. - Do not touch or move the item, shepherd your group to a safe area, call 999 and request police assistance reporting the find. - Check with the authorities if there is potential for any residual contamination associated with the ordnance (e.g. explosive or propellant residues or other chemicals), and gain advice on what to do if there is a risk of this.	Low

- The risk assessment is a general risk assessment for Lihou Island. It is not exhaustive and should be used in conjunction with a risk assessment written by the user group, making note of any special needs or issues that are specific to that group.
- For further information or to comment, please contact the warden.