

Risk Assessment: *Fishing from rocks*
Reviewed: *Richard Carpenter 20/11/2023*

Hazard	Risk	Control Measures	Risk Acceptable Y/N
Slippery Rocks	Falling – Sprains, Breaks, Cuts & Bruises	Make sure hands are free for balance when descending fishermen's paths (pass kit down if necessary). Avoid moving quickly over wet rocks. Avoid carrying too much equipment.	YES
Waves	Being washed off rocks / Drowning	Be aware of sea conditions and swell forecast. Don't be closer to the water than necessary. Always have an eye out to sea.	YES
Hooks	Puncture / Lacerations	Brief groups on how to handle hooks safely. Ensure plenty of room when casting. First Aid kit to be at hand.	YES
Falling Rocks	Impact injuries	Choose venues carefully; avoid places with steep, unstable rock.	YES
Weather	Hypo / Hyperthermia, sunstroke / burn	Wear appropriate clothing, carry hot / cold drinks. Monitor groups warmth when fishing in cold weather – lots of standing around = cold!	YES

Risk Assessment: *Fishing From Kayaks / Sit-on-tops / Boats / Sups*
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Hazard	Risk	Control Measures	Risk Acceptable Y/N
Hooks	Puncture / Lacerations	Brief groups on how to handle hooks and unhook fish safely, if in doubt about their ability, do it for them (especially when using multi hook traces).	YES
Fishing line	Entanglement (+capsize)	Brief groups on line management. i.e. keeping line on the spool or tidily "coiled" when landing fish. Guide to have knife available. If in doubt about the conditions/stability of the group, get the group to pair up, 1 person holding and keeping the other balanced whilst they fish. If the conditions are too bad then don't fish.	YES
Wind / Tide	Drifting	Instructor to keep a careful eye on position and be ready to move group accordingly.	YES