



Canyoning Risk Assessment

Hazard	Risk	Potential Severity	Probability	Control Measures
Canyoning	Injury	Severe	Medium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All adventures follow the standard operating procedures as defined and provided by Scotland's Canyons. 2. All guides are aware of the emergency action plan. 3. All adventure leaders complete an activity report for each tour including a dynamic risk assessment of conditions, participants, equipment, access and egress. 4. All guides hold a minimum of 16hour recognised first aid certification obtained within the last 3 years and carry a first aid kit. 5. All guides have undergone recent and relevant training and are experienced in outdoor leadership with practised interpersonal skills. 6. Adventure leaders have met the minimum criteria to be qualified as an Adventure Leader by Adventure Logic Ltd in the relevant location.
Faulty Equipment	Equipment Failure	Severe	Low	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adventure leaders perform a gear check in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines, prior to and following every canyoning tour and record in activity report. 2. Adventure leaders care for equipment with appropriate storage and maintenance in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines. 3. Adventure Logic Ltd performs an annual equipment review to ensure that all equipment meets accepted safety standards where applicable and is suitable for its intended use.
Weather	Adverse weather conditions	Severe	High	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appropriate clothing is worn at all times by all participants in canyoning. 2. Current weather is regularly checked and recorded in activity log. 3. Weather report is checked via multiple sources prior to every trip and recorded in the activity report. 4. In case of conditions that may cause unacceptable risk the activity is adapted accordingly, postponed or cancelled.
Participants	Antisocial Behavior	Mild	High	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure that all participants in canyoning are not under the influence of alcohol or drugs. 2. Make sure that all participants read and sign the acknowledgement of risk form prior to the trip. 3. All guides have undergone recent and relevant training and are experienced in outdoor leadership with practised interpersonal skills. 4. Adventure leaders have met the published minimum criteria to be qualified as an Adventure Leader in the relevant location 5. Encourage active participation in safety through ongoing briefings to ensure that all participants are aware of and reminded of the risks and their responsibilities.
Access/Egress	Blocked access/egress	Severe	Low	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure that functioning means of communication are carried at all times by guides and drivers. 2. Changes to canyon and paths are recorded in activity report.