

RISK ASSESSMENT KNOCKHATCH SKI AND SNOWBOARD CENTRE - SCHOOL

| Area & Hazard | RISK | EXISTING CONTROLS | L | S | L X S = RISK | ACTION TO TAKE |
|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------|--|
| Car Park | Slips trips & falls | Policy of rubbish clearance | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
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| | Car impact | Entrance designed to slow vehicles as they drive in. | 1 | 5 | 5 | |
| | | Sign warning of pedestrians. | 1 | 5 | 5 | |
| Paths | Slips and trips | Stones brushed regularly. | 1 | 2 | 2 | |
| | | Tarmac to main areas for wheelchair and pushchair access | | | | |
| Slope security | Non skiers being hit | Fences and warning signs in place. | 1 | 2 | 2 | Keep updating signs |
| | | Staff to monitor from ski lodge and instructors from the slope. | | | | |
| | | Non skiers & boarders are not allowed on the slopes. | | | | |
| Ski lodge | Equipment failing | Staff helping to kit up, no one other than staff/volunteers allowed behind kitting up desk. | 1 | 2 | 2 | |
| | | Teachers to keep students in some sort of order not allowing the desk to be over crowded. | | | | |
| | | Returning equipment must be given to staff and not just dumped down. | | | | |
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| Broken Bones & Strains & Sprains | Ski remaining attached when skier falls | Bindings are set to manufacturers recommendations. | 1 | 3 | 3 | None, constant maintenance and visual check at each hire |
| | | Release values must be correct for each individual | | | | |
| | | All technicians must have received instruction. | | | | |
| | | All equipment is regularly checked for wear. | | | | |

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| Wrist damage | Poles | All poles do not have wrist loops and do not have sharp tips. | 1 | 3 | 3 | |
| | Falling | As part of the lesson the instructor should so the lesson how to fall as safely as possible. | 1 | 3 | 3 | |
| Lift Motor | Getting caught in working parts | Both motor and wheel are out of reach . | 1 | 4 | 4 | |
| Buttons | Being caught and dragged | Buttons checked regularly. | 2 | 2 | 4 | Constant maintenance |
| | | Only customers or staff who have proved competence and ability allowed to use lift. | | | | |
| | | Trip switches at top and bottom of lift & inside lodge to cut off motor. | | | | |
| | Person falling from button or failing to leave the drag run. | Cut off button easily accessible. | 2 | 1 | 2 | |
| | Being hit by swinging button. | Clear sign requesting users to release button sensibly. | 2 | 2 | 4 | |
| | | Only competent skiers or boarders allowed to use the lift. | | | | |
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| Surface | Catching equipment in matting | Daily check of matting and repair as necessary. | 2 | 2 | 4 | |
| | Friction bums | Insure all skin is covered sensible clothing particularly the hands, wear gloves. | | | | |

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| Lesson | Damage to students during lesson | All instructors are fully qualified by external bodies and all are well versed in Knockhatch procedures and policies. | 1 | 3 | 3 | All paper work constantly being updated instructors go through re-validations when required. | |
| | | All instructors are fully aware of and instructed to keep to Knockhatch lesson plans. | | | | | |
| | | Head damage | All students must wear our issued helmets at all times when on the slope. | 1 | 4 | | 4 |
| | | | Matting critical fall height 1.8 metres. | | | | |
| | | Any unruly or dangerous behaviour during the lesson the student will be sent from the slope. | | | | | |
| Tubing | Bumps, Strains, Sprains Breaks | Staff fully instructed in procedure for event. | 1 | 3 | 3 | | |
| | | Safety talk prior to the event. | | | | | |
| | | Small, light toboggans/ringos used. | | | | | |
| | | Always Knockhatch trained staff in attendance. | | | | | |
| Open Practice | Bumps, Strains, Sprains Breaks | Competent skiers and snowboarders only. | 1 | 3 | 3 | | |
| | | Any skier/snowboarder skiing dangerously will be removed from the slope. | | | | | |
| | | Numbers on slope limited by drag lift capacity. Queuing along the fence line. Do not queue on the slope. | | | | | |
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L = Likelihood
 S = Severity
 L*S = Risk
 1 = Low
 5 = High

Risk = 1 - Low 25 - High

FIRST AID ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT THE MAIN DESK

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