

RISK ASSESSMENT KNOCKHATCH SKI AND SNOWBOARD SCHOOL - SCHOOLS / GROUPS

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	Monitor
	Car impact	Entrance designed to slow vehicles	1	5	5	
		as they drive in. 15mph speed limit.				
		Sign warning of pedestrians.	1	5	5	
Paths	Slips and trips	Stones brushed regularly.	1	2	2	Monitor
		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	1	2	2	Teachers and group
		staff/volunteers allowed behind kitting up desk.				organisers should be aware.
		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.				
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	Regular maintenance
		Only customers or staff who have proved competence and ability allowed to use lift.				Daily checks
		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.				
Surface	Catching equipment in matting	Daily check of matting and repair as necessary.	2	2	4	Regular monitoring
						Daily checks
	Friction burns	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 and 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 / Ringo-ing	Bumps, Strains, Sprains	Staff fully instructed in procedure for event.	1	3	3	Teachers and group organisers that help the sessions should keep out of the way of the bottom of the slope so they do not get hit.
	Breaks	Safety talk prior to the event.				
		Small, light toboggans/ringos used.				
		Always Knockhatch trained staff in attendance.				
Open Practice	Bumps, Strains, Sprains	Competent skiers and snowboarders only.	1	3	3	Monitor
	Breaks	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.				

L = Likelihood

Risk = 1 - Low 25 - High

FIRST AID ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT THE MAIN BUILDING

S = Severity

L*S = Risk

1 = Low

5 = High

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