
	FOOTPADDLING - SEA	
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<p><u>DESCRIPTION:</u></p> <p>Foot paddling on the edge of the sea (beach).</p>
<p><u>QUALIFICATIONS:</u></p> <p>The leader and other support staff must be experienced swimmers who are able to make a risk assessment of the prevailing beach and sea conditions.</p> <p>There must also be a qualified lifeguard in attendance. The level of qualification looked for would be the RLSS Beach Lifeguard Award.</p>
<p><u>STAFFING RATIO:</u></p> <p>3 / 10</p>
<p><u>PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:</u></p> <p>UV protection. Spare clothing should be considered in the event of children's clothing getting wet.</p>
<p><u>HAZARDS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rocks. • Tides • Large waves • Currents • Unknown beach profile • Debris in sand, • Water quality • Water temperature
<p><u>GUIDANCE:</u></p> <p>Paddling on the edge of the sea can be a high risk activity and the leader should have a comprehensive management plan and approval from Bracknell Forest Council.</p> <p>DfEE: https://www.ase.org.uk/documents/p1340ahspv/p1.3-4.0a-hspv.pdf</p>
<p><u>OTHER INFORMATION:</u></p> <p>Safety near water margins.</p>