

This risk assessment relates only to the *generic* features of a common activity; it does not cover those *specific* to a location or group. It therefore must not be used without completing the local review, making additions as necessary to take account of local circumstances. However, such a local review need not be timeconsuming. Use the box at the bottom to create the local review, or add extra pages as necessary.

ACTIVITY ASSESSED		ASSESSOR	ASSESSMENT DATE
25. Pond dipping with children		Steve Bolsover	12 th June 2016
HAZARD	RISK LEVEL	PRECAUTIONS	
potential for harm		to remove hazard or reduce risk level. One precaution may tackle several hazards.	
Falling in and getting wet and uncomfortable	L	The person leading the event must supervise children closely and prevent risky behaviour that might cause them to fall in.	
Drowning	H	The person leading the event must supervise children closely and prevent risky behaviour that might cause them to fall in. We will never pond dip in ponds or lakes with deep water (on our reserves, this excludes Summerhouse Lake only, which is already excluded because of the presence of cows). If a child falls in the person leading the event will if possible pull them out while remaining on the bank; if this is not possible they will get in the water to aid the child.	
Other diseases caught from unclean water	M	Pond dipping will only be carried out in watercourses we believe to be clean.	
Leptospirosis	M	All participants either should wash thoroughly, or wipe hands thoroughly with antiseptic hand wipes, as soon as possible after the pond dipping. They must not eat, drink or smoke until they have done this. This disease may not be very common but can have severe effects, in rarer cases death. If water contaminated with rats or cows urine gets into cuts, open wounds or sores the Weills or Hardjo varieties of Leptospirosis can result. Pond dipping should not be carried out in areas with cattle. At present this means Bentley Priory only. If the presence of rats is suspected, pond dipping should not be carried out. Adults should be informed that they should not participate in the pond dipping if they have open wounds or sores on their hands. The person leading the event should themselves check children's hands for open wounds or sores and prevent them from pond dipping if any are found. All participants either should wash thoroughly, or wipe hands thoroughly with antiseptic hand wipes, as soon as possible after the pond dipping. They must not eat, drink or smoke until they have done this.	
RISKS AND PRECAUTIONS SPECIFIC TO THE SITE OR DAY			
ASSESSOR			
ASSESSMENT DATE			
APPLICABLE DATES			
(This is likely either to be one specific day, or "until further notice".)			

Risk level: L = Low, M = Medium, H = High