



# Risk Assessment\_Chalkwell

Area  
**Chalkwell Esplanade and the Ray**

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Ref No	List Hazards	Groups at risk from hazards	List Existing control measures	<i>Further action to be taken</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>Site overview</b>			
	<p>The beach faces South and the UK's predominant SW wind is cross-onshore from the right</p> <p>The council approved rigging zone is between the bowling green and the first set of bollards. The area is leased for this purpose by Essex windsurf club</p> <p>The beach is of a coarse sand/shell/stone consistency</p> <p>The beach is accessed by crossing a public promenade and it should be noted all areas are open to the public</p>	<p>General Public</p> <p>Cyclists</p> <p>Dogs</p> <p>Competitors  <i>(Kitesurfers, Windsurfers, Sailors)</i></p>	<p>Power Kites are not to be flown on the beach or grass other than launching or landing</p> <p>Assist fellow kites to launch/land so as to ensure a quick and safe transition</p> <p>Competitors to stay a safe distance away from other beach &amp; water users</p> <p>Competitors equipment to be secured when not in use</p> <p>Take care to check for people and pets when crossing the</p>	

	<p>Promenade can be very busy on fine weather days and attracts a number of joggers and dog walkers even on poor weather days</p>		<p>promenade to/from the beach, particularly joggers and cyclists who may appear suddenly</p> <p>Equipment to be rigged either on the rigging green or the beach directly in front. Care to be taken to avoid other beach users and to vacate the area as soon as possible</p>	
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<b>2 Obstructions</b>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach groynes</li> <li>• Shrubbery around grass areas</li> <li>• Concrete wall along beach edge</li> <li>• Public pathway also used by emergency vehicles</li> <li>• Boats on moorings</li> <li>• Park benches</li> <li>• Signage at edge of beach</li> <li>• Beach shop to the east of the rigging area</li> <li>• Beach huts on beach</li> <li>• Pebble walkway to the water</li> <li>• footbridge</li> </ul> <p><i>Risk of entanglement and or impact with obstructions listed. List is not exhaustive but includes major obstructions</i></p>	<p>General Public</p> <p>Cyclists</p> <p>Dogs</p> <p>Competitors (<i>Kitesurfers, Windsurfers, Sailors</i>)</p>	<p>Competitors to maintain a safe distance from all obstructions</p> <p>Kitesurfers in particular should aim for at least a 50m safe distance</p> <p>Take care on footbridge as it may be very slippery and possible loose planks</p> <p>Kitesurfers are responsible for checking their safety systems are in good working order and that they understand how and when to use them</p>	

3	External influences			
	Fire  <i>Minimal risk in this location</i>	General Public  Cyclists  Dogs  Competitors <i>(Kitesurfers, Windsurfers, Sailors)</i>	Event officials to carry VHF radios and or Mobile phones  <b>999 for Emergency services</b>  First aid facility on site <i>(Named providers)</i>	
	Structural Damage  <i>Minimal risk in this location</i>	As above	As above	
	Weather  <i>Ongoing risk</i>	As above	Competitors must assess the wind direction and strength to determine which obstructions are hazardous at any given time  Competitors are responsible for their own safety and as such it is their decision whether on not to participate	

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Map

