



Risk Management Summary

Introduction

This Risk Management Summary (RMS) is intended as a standalone statement of Abernethy Trust's management of safety in our residential centres and adventurous activities. Seeking details of a provider's safety management practices does not mean requesting more copies; an RMS in this form is intended to satisfy a user's need for information about safety management practices. (Going Out There (Scottish Government 2013))

Licensable and Non-Licensable Activities

Going Out There (section 12.3) states that centres licensed under the Licensing Regulations can be considered safe in the leading, instructing and equipping of activities stipulated on the licence.

The Health and Safety Executive, in their Guidance from the Licensing Authority on the Adventure Activities Licensing Regulations 2004 (L77), state that the licensing authority should look for 'a culture of safety overall' (para. 9 & 16). To this end the Licensing Authority samples 'both licensable and, where they exist, non-licensable activities. Potential clients can therefore be assured about all adventure activities offered to young people by a licensed provider at the facility in question'.

Organisation and Centre Details

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Adventure Activities Licence Details

The holding of an Adventure Activities Licence means that we have been inspected by the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA), and our risk assessment and management systems were found to be satisfactory. More information about what holding a licence means can be found on the Licensing Service's website, <https://www.hse.gov.uk/aala/>. Licence details are as follows:

Nethy Bridge

Licence No: L150778
Reference No: R0347
Renewal Date: 31/10/2025

Barcaple

Licence No: L150619
Reference No: R0117
Renewal Date: 29/09/2025

Staff Competence and Qualifications

All staff will either hold a relevant National Governing Body (NGB) qualification, or a statement of competence signed by an appropriately experienced and qualified person consistent with the requirements of the Licensing Regulations. Copies will be available for inspection on site.

Risk Assessments/Operational Procedures for Adventure Activities

These are inspected as part of our Adventure Activities Licence inspection and are available on site.

Adventure Activity Equipment

Specialist equipment is provided. All equipment provided will be fit for purpose and is inspected as part of our Adventure Activities Licence. Records of equipment checks are available on site.

Safeguarding

Our policy is consistent with current good practice in this area and forms a routine part of our recruitment procedures. All staff are required to be checked by Disclosure Scotland and are members of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG).

Supervision When Not on Activities

Overnight supervision or other non-activity supervision is primarily the responsibility of the visiting group leader. Abernethy staff are available on call overnight and activity leaders are all First Aid trained.

Transport

Provided by minibus fitted with 3-point seat belts on every seat. Current legislation is complied with. Drivers hold the appropriate licence for the vehicle including PCV where necessary. Small minibus permits are held for every vehicle.

Insurance

Insurance company:	Zurich Municipal Policy No.: XAO-272098-8423
Date of renewal of policy:	31st October 2025
Amount of cover:	Employers liability £10.0m any one claim
Public liability:	£10.0m any one claim

Abernethy strongly encourages that groups provide their own insurance for personal injury, loss of possessions or cancellation.

Fire Protection

Fire Certificate: Not held. Abernethy centres are out of scope of the fire certificate regulations and cannot obtain one. As part of our responsibilities under the Health and Safety Regulations we have conducted a comprehensive fire risk assessment, have fire alarm systems in place that are checked regularly, and fire exits to allow easy evacuation of the building. Fire drills take place frequently.

Security Arrangements

Overnight accommodation is locked to keep intruders out but with locks that will allow escape in the event of an emergency. Daytime security is the responsibility of all staff who are alert to the need to greet/challenge unidentified persons on site.