

STOKE BRUERNE BOAT COMPANY LTD

Passenger Trip Boat Operators
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Introduction

Stoke Bruerne Boat Company Ltd operates a passenger carrying narrowboat from outside the Canal Museum on the Grand Union Canal at Stoke Bruerne.

The Company provides boat trips from the Museum to the tunnel or through the tunnel and back.

This risk assessment covers the above boat trips. The canal at Stoke Bruerne is dedicated to leisure use and is provided with rescue equipment as required.

The canal is a medium density visitor attraction so both museum facilities and the towpath area are maintained to a commensurate standard.

This risk assessment is based on the understanding that groups are looked after by an appropriate number of teachers and helpers in accordance with their own education authority standards.

Trips on nb Charlie

‘Charlie’ is a purpose built passenger carrying narrowboat. The boat is regulated and surveyed by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency which is an Executive Agency of the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions.

The annual survey covers hull condition, machinery, plying limits and passenger numbers, stability and loadline, life saving appliances and equipment, navigation and radio equipment.

The Boatmaster and crew receive training as required by the MCA.

Hazards

Slips, trips and falls on towpath

Falling between towpath and boat whilst boarding

Boarding boat

Controls

Supervision by teachers/helpers.

Impossible (boat tied tightly to bank).

Parties assisted by teachers/helpers/crew.

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Supervision by
teachers/helpers/crew.
Maintenance and good house-
keeping by owners/crew.

Falling overboard

Impossible (passengers would
have to climb out of window and
throw themselves into the water).

Squashing of hands/arms between
Boat and bank/tunnel wall

Passengers instructed not to hang
arms over side of boat.

LOW RISK ACTIVITY