

Water Safety Risk Review

Executive Summary

The scope of the assessment was limited to the use of the premises at the time of assessment. The premises stood nearly 9 metres from the water course. The water course (Rochdale Canal) has a 5feet barrier provided and maintained by Canal and River Trust. Adequate Rescue Equipment and suitable warning signs were not present at the time of the assessment. These are strongly recommended. It was also apparent that the premises did not have in place a structured incident management plan or rescue procedure at the time of the assessment. The assessment could not establish suitable water safety training on the use of lifebuoy provided to employees, this is strongly recommended to relevant employees and 3rd party staff. The means of summoning emergency services was not defined, although the assessment understood duty managers have access to mobile phones. It was particularly interesting to note that some charity organisations are working in the area looking after vulnerable persons who may require help.

This assessment did not spot any immediate danger persons working around the water course, however sensible arrangements are required to deal with incidents involving fall into water. Hence the improvement recommendations have been advanced to negate any potential risk during the life cycle of the proposed project and beyond.

Responsible Person (Employer or other person having control of the relevant premises)	On Bar Manchester		
Address of Premises	On Bar Manchester 46 Canal Street, Manchester		
Postcode	M1 3DW		
Assessor:	Haruna Moda & Edwin Esevohare		
Date of Water Risk Review	1 st November 2021		
<i>(This risk review does not replace any statutory risk assessments required under relevant Health and Safety legislation but may inform those assessments which should be reviewed annually or at such earlier time as there is reason to suspect that it is no longer valid or there has been a significant change in the matters to which it relates.)</i>			
Subsequent Review Dates			
Reviewed by		Date	
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General Information

The Premises	
Primary usage: (e.g. Hotel, Shop)	Bar
Secondary usage: (e.g. Kitchen, Bar, Function Room, Offices)	Private Function Events
Proximity to Bodies of Water (m) (include names and details of water courses)	9 Metres from Rochdale Canal
On Site Activities by Water (construction, maintenance, recreation, etc.)	Outdoor sitting area for drinking.
Travel routes to and from Premises via Bodies of Water (provide details)	Not applicable
Travel Modes by said Bodies of Water (walking, running, cycling)	Walking, Running, Cycling. Restricted to delivery vehicles only.

Occupancy Profile							
Maximum number of persons in the premises.	WEEKDAYS			WEEKENDS			
	0600 to 1200	A		0600 to 1200	A		
	1200 to 2000			1200 to 2000			D
	2000 to 0600			2000 to 0600			D
	Enter range – A= <20, B=20-49, C=50-99, D=100-1000, E=>1000, 0= None						
Description of Occupants			Mobility Issues	Non	Average Mobility		

Occupants Especially at Risk from Entry to Water Course	
Construction/Maintenance Workers (Details of numbers – employees/contractors)	NA (Work is yet to commence on site)
Premises occupants (Residents/employees)	Employees
People consuming Alcohol on Premises (Include people on routes to/from premises by waterways)	Customers
Young people on site (Persons under 16 years old)	Not applicable
Others (Details of Elderly/Infirm/Mental Ability/People currently Rough Sleeping in Area)	No history of Rough Sleeping in the premises.

Identified Water Hazards And Primary Control Measures

Note: On the following pages, where the answer is 'Yes', please describe in the Identified Hazards boxes below.

Where the answer is 'No', please complete the deficiencies boxes below.

Where the answer is 'N/A', please describe in the General Comments box provided.

Construction/Maintenance Workers (Details of numbers – Premises occupants (Residents/employees))		
Measures taken to prevent falls into water, rescuing them (without entry to water) and raising the alarm.		
1. Adequate Barriers?	YES	
2. Adequate Lighting?	YES	
3. Sufficient Rescue Equipment?	NO	
4. Appropriate Staff Training?	(Recommend)	
5. Other?	YES (Neighbourhood watch)	
Identified Hazards	Existing Control Measures (details should be provided for any “Yes” answers, above)	Are there any improvement recommendations
Drowning	Adequate 5 feet high barrier provided and maintained by Canal River Trust. (See photos)	Suitable warning sign recommended.
Deficiencies:	Remedial Action Required:	
Rescue Equipment	Suitable rescue equipment such as Lifebuoy near water course and training for its use, recommended. Ensure safety equipment is secure but easy to access by authorised personnel.	

Measures taken to prevent falls into water, rescuing them (without entry to water) and raising the alarm.		
1. Adequate Barriers?		YES
2. Adequate Lighting?		YES
3. Sufficient Rescue Equipment?		NO
4. Appropriate Staff Training?		NO
5. Other		YES
Identified Hazards	Existing Control Measures	Are there any improvement recommendations
Downing	Adequate 5 feet high barrier provided and maintained by Canal River Trust. (See photos)	Suitable rescue training for employees and 3 rd party Staff recommended. Develop emergency procedures and communicate to employees and others.
Deficiencies:	Remedial Action Required:	
Staff Training	Train employees on water safety and the use of safety equipment (lifebuoy). Develop and test emergency procedures.	

People travelling to/from Premises Near to Water		
Measures taken to prevent falls into water, rescuing them (without entry to water) and raising the alarm.		
1. Adequate Barriers?		YES
2. Adequate Lighting?		YES
3. Sufficient Rescue Equipment?		N/A

4. Appropriate Staff Training?		N/A
5. Other?		YES
Identified Hazards	Existing Control Measures	Are there any improvement recommendations
Drowning	Adequate 5 feet high barrier provided and maintained by Canal River Trust. (See photos)	Suitable warning sign recommended. Anti-climbing measures on trees
Deficiencies:	Remedial Action Required:	
Suitable Warning Signs	Provide suitable warning sign on the danger of deep water. Provide anti-climbing measures on nearby trees (especially during the construction phase).	

People consuming Alcohol on Premises (Include people on routes to/from premises by waterways)		
Alcohol is served on premises		YES
1. Adequate Barriers?		YES
2. Adequate Lighting?		YES
3. Sufficient Rescue Equipment?		NO
4. Appropriate Staff Training?		NO
5. Other?		YES
Identified Hazards	Existing Control Measures	Are there any improvement recommendations
Drowning	Adequate 5 feet high barrier provided and maintained by Canal River Trust. (See photos) All bar attendees are only allowed drink while seating	Suitable warning sign recommended.
Deficiencies: Rescue Equipment		Remedial Action Required: Ensure suitable rescue equipment such as Lifebuoy near water course and training in its use, recommended. Ensure safety equipment is secure but easy to access by authorised personnel.
General Comments: As a control measure, it was the understanding at the time of this assessment that customers consuming alcohol outside of the premises must always remain seated. This provides clear directive for 3 rd party security Staff provided to maintain order at the premises. Other protective measures available in the neighbourhood include 'Pink Angels' who provide additional duty of care to night-time customers who may be vulnerable from intoxication by alcohol or other substances in the area.		

Other potentially vulnerable People on site (Young/Elderly/Infirm/Mental Ability/People currently Rough Sleeping in Area)		
Are any vulnerable people on or around this premises? If Yes, list vulnerability types	NO	
1. Adequate Barriers?	YES	
2. Adequate Lighting?	YES	
3. Sufficient Rescue Equipment?	NO	
4. Appropriate Staff Training?	Not Applicable	
5. Other?	Not Applicable	
Identified Hazards	Existing Control Measures	Are there any improvement recommendations
Drowning	'Pink Angels' a neighbourhood charity helping vulnerable persons in the area. 3 rd party security Staff	No
Deficiencies: Rescue equipment	Remedial Action Required: Provision of rescue equipment (Lifebuoy) Ensure rescue equipment is secure but easily assessable to Emergency services and Charity organisations present.	
General Comments: No vulnerable persons were identified at the time of this assessment. The assessment gathered there are no history of Rough Sleepers outside of the premises. 'Pink Angels', a neighbourhood charity is on hand to assist persons who may be intoxicated by alcohol or other substances. 'Night Net' – It was identified that there is a strong strategic security collaboration between businesses in the area to warn each other of persons of interest and questionable characters. This is handled by the 3 rd party security network stationed in each premises.		

Management of Water Safety

Procedures And Arrangements for Water Incidents		
Water safety is managed by:	No nominated person	
Deputy or assistant:	No nominated person	
Are competent person(s) appointed to assist in undertaking the preventative and protective measures (Health and Safety representative)? State name and responsible element of water safety 		NO
Is there a suitable record of the water safety arrangements?		NO
Appropriate water incident procedures in place?		NO
Is there adequate means for raising the alarm?		NO
Are procedures in the event of someone entering the water appropriate and properly documented?		NO
Are there suitable arrangements for summoning the Fire and Rescue Service?		YES
Are there suitable arrangements to meet the F&RS on arrival and provide relevant information, including that relating to specific water hazards?		YES
Are there suitable arrangements for deployment of initial rescue equipment?		NO
Are there adequate procedures for assisting persons out of the water?		NO
Are there persons nominated and trained to assist with water rescue activities (not to enter the water)?		NO
Is there an appropriate liaison (if necessary) with Fire and Rescue Service Rescue Service crews visiting for familiarisation visits?		YES
Are there routine in-house inspections and testing of water safety provisions and rescue equipment (e.g. in the course of health and safety inspections)?		N/A
Identified Hazards	Existing Control Measures	Are there any improvement recommendations
Delayed Rescue	Other than the barrier provided, there are no defined water safety management arrangements in place.	- Means of raising alarm - Water incident management - Provision of rescue equipment
Deficiencies: Suitable rescue plan Suitable rescue equipment Suitable means of raising alarm		Remedial Action Required: - Establish effective incident management procedure. - Appoint responsible persons - Means of raising alarm - Provide rescue equipment

Training And Drills			
Water safety training is managed by:		No nominated Person	
Deputy or assistant:		No nominated Person	
1. Are all staff given adequate water safety instruction and training on induction?		NO	
2. Are all staff given adequate periodic 'refresher' training at suitable intervals? If yes, at what intervals?		NO	
3. Are all staff with special responsibilities (e.g. front of house and staff who assist with vulnerable people) given additional training?		NO	
4. Does all training for staff provide information, instruction or training on the all the following (If no, indicate which one/s in the deficiencies boxes below):			
Water risks in/around the premises? The general water safety/prevention measures? Action in the event of a person entering the water? Action on persons raising the alarm? Location and use of rescue equipment? Means for summoning the fire and rescue service? Identity of persons nominated to assist with rescue?		NO	
5. Are water incident drills carried out at appropriate intervals and a record of such drills maintained?		NO	
6. Is there sufficient and adequate channels of communication of fire safety information between employer and employee (e.g. Health & Safety meetings, notice boards etc)		NO	
7. When the employees of another employer work in the premises, are they provided with adequate instructions and given appropriate information (e.g. on water risks and water safety measures)?		NO	
8. Is there adequate co-operation and co-ordination between different Responsible Persons (Multi-Occupancy) to ensure compliance with the Water Safety procedures?		YES	
Identified Hazards	Existing Control Measures	Are there any improvement recommendations	
Potential drowning from delayed rescue	CCTV, 3 rd Party Security staff providing cover watch.	Ensure Employees and 3 rd party Staff are provided with relevant information and rescue training.	
Deficiencies:	Remedial Action Required:		
Staff Training	Suitable and sufficient training required for employees and third-party staff on water safety; Defined means and procedure for raising alarm; Designate a responsible person. Practice Rescue drills to maintain competence.		
Effective Communication	Ensure health and safety information is suitably communicated to all staff. (update employee noticeboard with relevant information) Establish a clear means and procedure for summoning Emergency		

	Services.
General Comments: The assessment noted that other than the suitable barrier in place, there are no established structure for rescuing someone who falls into the water course. However, the assessment notes that the 5ft high barrier provided and maintained by the Canal and River Trust provides adequate protection for occupants of the premises and customers sat outside the premises. In addition, it was also noted that there is no Lifebuoy within 100 meters of the proposed site as at the time of the assessment.	

Priority	Meaning
High	Immediate priority to be actioned within 24 hours to 8 weeks <i>Breaches of legal requirements, which could cause injury and require immediate short-term action. Also includes matters that can be resolved at minimal cost</i>
Medium	Medium priority to be actioned within 2-6 months <i>Breaches in legislation that may require medium/long term action to resolve</i>
Low	Low priority to be actioned within 6 months-1year <i>Items of non urgent priority or for future consideration</i>

Significant Findings – Remedy Action Plan					
No	Action to be Taken	Priority	Target Completion Date	Action by	Date Action Completed
1	Establish an incident management plan with nominated responsible persons	High	24hrs – 8 weeks	Business manager	
2	Provide and secure Rescue Equipment near water course	High	24hrs – 8 weeks	Business manager	
3	Training employees on water safety and rescue measures without entering water.	Medium	2-6 months	Business manager/shift supervisor	

4	Defined means of raising alarm and summoning Emergency Services.	High	24hrs – 8 weeks	Business manager/shift supervisor	
5	Provide suitable warning signage	Medium	2-6 months	Business manager	

Photos from Premises



No Rescue visible Rescue Equipment in vicinity