

Course Description

Water Sports First Aid



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Level 2: Water Sports First Aid

What is it?

A two-day practical first aid course designed for people involved in water sports either as coaches or as general enthusiasts. This course fulfills the requirements for first aid training for the BCU coaching schemes. The course is delivered by trainers with experience in water sports and wilderness medicine.



Do I need to have learned first aid before?

No – this is an entry-level course.

Where will the course take place?

The training is designed to take place at your venue or a suitable training venue with access to water. Scenarios will take place on the water so that as realistic as possible.

What do you need to provide?

A training venue and your personal kayak/canoe with associated safety equipment. Be prepared to use your kit and get wet!

Course Outline

Day 1

- Introduction
- Incident management: juggling environmental, patient and rescue factors while keeping everyone safe
- Assessing consciousness and helping unconscious patients
- Airway problems (choking and asthma)
- Breathing problems (hyperventilation)
- Circulation problems (serious bleeding, shock and anaphylaxis)
- Heart disease (angina and heart attack)
- CPR (including discussion of resuscitation in wilderness environments)
- Drowning

Day 2

- Patient assessment and history-taking
- Communication
- Sprains and strains
- Fractures and dislocations
- Head and spinal injuries
- Hypothermia
- Dehydration and hyperthermia
- Burns (including sunburn and snow blindness)
- Medical problems (epilepsy, diabetes, stroke)
- Dealing with multiple patients (triage)

Do I get a certificate?

Yes – you will be issued a certificate valid for 2 years, certified by Remote Emergency Care (see www.remoteemergencycare.com for details).

Who should I contact?

To find out more, contact the Training Expertise team on info@training-expertise.co.uk or 01344 774430.