

Mercian Divers SAA 39	Assessment Title:	SCUBA training in pool of max 5m deep	
	Risk Assessment	Assessment no:	MDRA 6
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Hazard	Risk of	Groups at Risk.	How you can reduce the risk
Heavy equipment	Back injury	Divers and others moving equipment, fitting it and helping others to fit it.	Use buddy to help fit heavy kit. Don't carry too much in one go. Stay within your strength limits.
	Crushing from dropped kit or cylinders falling over	Divers and others moving equipment, fitting it and helping others to fit it.	Don't carry too much in one go. Don't leave cylinders standing up – cylinders should always be laid flat.
Slippery floor pool side	Injury from falling when wearing fins	Diver under training	Training procedures emphasise the importance of walking backwards when wearing fins. Also fins should only be fitted at close to water entry point
Water Entry Training	Striking bottom of pool during entry training	Diver under training	Entry drills will only be carried out in sufficiently deep water
	Striking another submerged diver during entry training Diver under training	Diver under training	Training procedures emphasise the importance of checking area is clear

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Underwater training Exercises	Entanglement in kit during “ditch and retrieve” exercise	Diver under training	Diver will always have a buddy or be kept under observation. Pool depth is such that it is always possible to swim to surface
	Inhalation of water during rescue training – buddy breathing	Diver under training	Before undergoing rescue training all divers will be familiar with BCD inflation and be able to recover casualty to surface
Collision with surface swimmers	Injury	Diver under training Surface swimmer	Overarm swimming not permitted Divers always have priority – surface swimmers must keep good lookout and keep clear of divers. Pool divided with lane dividers to separate surface swimmers and divers.