

Shooting Stars Circus Skills Risk Assessment Record

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HAZARD	Participants	Staff	Public	Severity	Likelihood	RFI	Control measures already in place	Severity	Likelihood	RRFI	Any additional control measures that are required
Fall from Walking Globe	*	*	*	3	5	15	Instructions for use explained in 'Safety Talk & Demonstration'. Apparatus to be used in one to one with Instructor/assistant. Equipment must be placed on 4 mats. Inevitability of a fall made clear without a spotter. Voluntary use only.	2	2	4	If instructor/assistant not available participants not allowed to use piece of equipment. Apparatus to be used on 4 mats away from windows, doors, radiators and other similar objects.
Fall from Unicycle	*	*	*	4	5	20	Principles and mechanics of riding explained and demonstrated in 'Safety Talk & Demonstration'. Inevitability of a fall made clear. Area to be used cleared, unicycle fitted to rider. Use of wall, wall bars or edge of stage for support explained. Capability of rider assessed by instructor/assistant. Voluntary use only.	3	2	6	Personal attention of Instructor initially, when assessed to understand principles and risk, solo use permitted under supervision of Instructor/assistant.
Fall from low tightrope	*	*	*	4	4	16	Instructions for use explained in 'Safety Talk & Demonstration'. Apparatus securely erected on level ground and tested by Instructor. 2 metre cleared area established around apparatus. Personal instruction given at all times by instructor/assistant, safe dismount procedure explained. Voluntary use only.	2	2	4	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff. Safety mats to be used around tightrope area.

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Fall from Rola - Bola	*	*	*	2	3	6	Instructions for use explained in 'Safety Talk & Demonstration'. Apparatus to have 3 mats per rola bola. Apparatus to be used with spotter. Voluntary use only.	2	2	4	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff. Safety mats to be used at all times.
Slip/Fall from Bucket Stilts	*	*	*	2	2	4	Instruction, demonstration, supervision and warnings given. Participants given warning if floor is polished. Voluntary use only.	2	1	2	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.
Fall from Hold-on-Stilts	*	*	*	2	2	4	Instructions for use explained in 'Safety Talk & Demonstration'. Capability assessed by instructor/assistant before allowing to be used solo. Voluntary use only.	2	1	2	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.
Fall from Hands-Free-Stilts	*	*	*	3	3	9	Instructions for use explained in 'Safety Talk & Demonstration'. Participants only allowed to use this equipment if they can show full control of Hold-on-Stilts. One to one tuition only. Voluntary use only.	2	1	2	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.
Injury from spinning plate stick.	*	*	*	3	3	9	Instructions and warnings given for use explained in 'Safety Talk & Demonstration'. Plastic stick ends blunted as far as practicable.	3	1	3	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.

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Impact injury from falling Diabolo	*	*	*	2	2	4	Instruction, demonstration , supervision and warnings given . Participants instructed to give warning signal if they lose control of Diabolo.	2	1	2	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.
Fall from Pedal Go.	*	*	*	3	3	9	Instruction and demonstration given on safe method of usage. Only competent participants permitted to solo ride. Voluntary use only	2	1	2	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.
Fall from Fun Wheels	*	*	*	3	3	9	Instruction and demonstration given on safe method of usage . Only competent participants permitted to solo ride if they show full control of Pedal Go. Voluntary use only.	2	1	2	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.
Juggling Scarves	*		*	2	4	8	Instructions and warnings given for use explained in 'Safety Talk & Demonstration'. Participants instructed to leave a safe space between themselves and the nearest person.	2	1	2	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.
Juggling Balls	*	*	*	2	2	4	Instructions and warnings given for use explained in 'Safety Talk & Demonstration'. Participants warned not to throw juggling balls at anyone else.	2	1	2	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.

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Juggling Rings	*	*	*	2	2	4	Instructions and warnings given for use explained in 'Safety Talk & Demonstration'. Participants warned not to use the Juggling Rings as Frisbees or to roll across the floor.	2	1	2	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.
Bounce Balls	*	*	*	2	4	8	Personal instruction given at all times by instructor/assistant. Maximum number of participants in workshop 10. Participants warned not to throw bounce balls at each other or walls.	2	2	4	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.
Ball Cups	*	*	*	2	1	2	Instructions for use explained in 'Safety Talk & Demonstration'. Participants warned not to throw the ball at others.	2	1	2	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.
Devil/Flower Sticks	*	*	*	2	2	4	Instructions for use explained in 'Safety Talk & Demonstration'.	2	1	2	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.
Peacock Feathers	*		*	2	1	2	Instructions for use explained in 'Safety Talk & Demonstration'. Participants warned about putting Peacock Feather on face to be careful of their eyes.	2	1	2	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.

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Pole Balancing	*	*	*	2	3	6	Instructions for use explained in 'Safety Talk & Demonstration'. Participants warned about losing control of Balancing Pole and shouting warning. Only competent Feather Balancers allowed to use this equipment.	2	2	4	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.
Mini Bikes	*	*	*	2	3	6	Instructions and warnings given for use explained in 'Safety Talk & Demonstration'. Participants instructed not to 'push' Mini Bike with their feet on floor but to pedal. Voluntary use only.	2	2	4	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.
Physical, verbal, sexual abuse of participants	*	*	*	3	2	6	CRB / Police checks carried out on Instructors, assistants. All instructors to follow National Association of Youth Circus guidelines on behaviour. No instructors to be in sole contact with participants.	3	1	3	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.
Physical, verbal, sexual abuse of Instructors/ assistants.	*	*	*	3	2	6	Participants instructed on standard of behaviour.	3	1	3	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.

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Over crowding of sessions	*	*	*	3	3	9	Area assessed for suitability. Group Size dependant on this assessment and age of participants in line with Social Services regulations.	3	1	3	Monitor numbers before and during session.
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Slips and falls	*	*	*	4	3	12	Workshop area checked for obstructions, trip hazards on floors. Remedial work to be carried out prior to session. All spillages to be mopped up as quickly as possible.	4	1	4	Monitor conditions during session.
Fire, and all other area evacuation hazards	*	*	*	5	2	10	Instructor to check :- all exits for restrictions, access to fire extinguishers, presence of alarm system. Instructor to inform all participants in evacuation procedures.	5	1	5	Supervision and monitoring provided by Instructor and assisting staff.

Severity:

Multiple deaths = 5
 Single death = 4
 Major injury = 3
 Minor injury = 2
 Work delay = 1

Very likely = 4
 Likely = 3
 Unlikely = 2
 Very unlikely = 1

11 - 6 = (Take action a.s.a.p.)
 5 - 1 = (Take action soon)

Likelihood

Certain = 5

Risk factor Index

(= Severity *times* Likelihood)

25 - 12 = Red Risk (Take action now)

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Signature of Assessor



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Location:

In case of emergencies:

Who will be in charge.

Who or where are the nearest First Aiders.

Who will contact emergency services.

Where is the Assembly point in case of evacuation.

Who has the list of all attendees so a register can be taken.

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