

General Risk Assessment

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Task: Chelmsford Museum School Session – Local History KS1		Unit/Area/Plant: Chelmsford Museum, Oaklands Park		Service: Museums	
Assessment Date: 9/5/22	Review Date:		Compiled By (Assessors): Caroline Hammer Persons Consulted: Mark Curteis		Persons Consulted: Mark Curteis
Description of task being assessed (including limitations): Running a safe educational session for visiting school children and teachers on the topic Local History					

Common Hazards						
Hazards PA Hazards PA						
Slips & Trips (Access/Egress/Walkways)	ACD	Falls from Height				
Manual Handling (Lifting/Pushing/Pulling)	А	A Falling Objects				
Manual Handling (Repetitive Strain)		Deep Water				
Ergonomics		Excavations (Subsidence)				
Inclement Weather (Sunlight/Ice/Snow/Wind)		Fire/Explosion	ACD			
Temperature/ Humidity	ACD	Electricity				
Violence & Aggression	C D	Sharp Objects	ACD			
Psychosocial Issues (Stress)		Oxygen Deficiency/ Enrichment				
Flammable Substances (COSHH OR DSEAR RA)						

Plant/Equipment/Vehicle/Machinery Hazards						
Hazards	PA	Hazards	PA			
Noise		Ejection				
Vibration (HAVS & WBVS)		Trapping or Drawing In				
Pressure (Air or Liquid)		Crushing				
Stored Energy		Impact				
Electrical		Friction or Abrasion				
Fire/Explosion		Entanglement				
Thermal Hot/ Cold Surfaces		Shearing/Severing				
Radiation (Ionizing/Non-Ionizing)		Cutting/Severing				
Fumes Gases		Stabbing/ Puncturing				
Steam		Fluid Injection				
Magnetic Fields						

Health Hazards		
Hazards	PA	
Chemicals (COSHH RA)		
Heavy Metals		
Non-Conforming/ Hazardous Waste		
Dusts		
Liquids from Waste		
Noise		
Liquids		
Gases		
Solids		
Bacterial/Parasites/ Viruses/ Bio Aerosols		
Herbicides/Insecticides/ Pesticides		

Persons Affected (PA):	A - Employees	B – Members of the Public	C - Customer	D – Children/Young Persons
Persons Affected (PA).	E – New/Expectant Mothers	F - Contractors	G - Visitors	H – All PA's



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Hazard	Potential Risk	Existing Methods/Control Measures		k Rat	ing	Risk	Further Actions/Comments
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Sharp objects	Minor injuries when constructing circuits using crocodile clips, bulbs and fans.	Demonstrate correct use of crocodile clips and warn children not to clip them to their fingers etc, and not to put fingers near moving fans. In the event of bulbs breaking, clear up broken glass immediately. In the event of injuries, seek First Aid.	2	2	4	L	
Slips and trips	Excited children running or pushing on stairs or in corridors may slip or fall.	Children warned in safety briefing not to run and move around the museum in a calm and orderly fashion.	2	2	4	L	
Manual handling	Resources used in some of the teaching sessions are heavy and need to be moved from storage cupboards to the education room, potential injuries if lifted incorrectly.	Museum staff receive manual handling training	2	1	2	L	
Temperature / humidity	Too hot or cold resulting in heat exhaustion or illness.	Education room is temperature controlled. Children may drink water during the teaching session if required.	2	1	2	L	
Fire / explosion	Fire within the building resulting in asphyxiation and/or burns.	Standard evacuation procedure to be followed in the event of a fire. Children and teachers informed of evacuation procedure in safety briefing at the start of the session.	3	1	3	L	



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	Danger from other museum visitors.	The museum is open to the public during school sessions with museum assistants on duty at the reception desk,and patrolling through the museum; with CCTV access on the front desk (recorded at the Council CCTV Control Room). Museum staff are all DBS certified.					
Violence and aggression	Children wandering off into park, risk of assault or abduction, risk from dogs – bites or fouling.	Appropriate briefing by staff on arrival and ensure compliance with instructions. No children should leave the building unless supervised by school and museum staff. Dog walkers are asked to keep their dogs under control or on a leash, and to clear up any fouling. Dogs are not permitted in the play areas.	4	1	4	L	

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Summary of Internal Documentation (Procedures/Guidance/Safe Systems of Work/Tool Box Talks	List other Risk Assessments linked to this one (i.e. Manual Handling)				
I confirm I am the person responsible for ensuring the control measures are being complied with, and for implementing additional controls.					
Assessed/Reviewed By: Caroline Hammer	Signature: Caroline Hammer Date: 09/05/2022				
Communicated to Staff by:	Signature:	Date: Click or tap to enter a date.			