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| **Risk Assessment** |
| **Risk Assessment for the activity of** | **Vixens Cheerleading and Dance Society****04/12/24, 19:30- 23:00****Event Location: Medbar Southampton, SO14 3DP****Details of catering arrangements:****Option of a 2 or 3-course meal with vegetarian and vegan options available. All to be preordered before the event.** **The whole bar/restaurant is booked for the event.****Drinks: Optional** | **Date** | **(15/11/24)** |
| **Group name** | **Southampton Vixens** | **Assessor** | **Eve Barry** |
| **2nd Committee Member** | Jenna Moffitt | **Signed off** | **SUSU Activities Team** |
|  **Event Information** | Society Christmas dinner: Location Medbar (the whole establishment is booked for us), formal event with a photographer and karaoke after food. Food options are a 2 or 3 course meal with optional drinks. Attendance will be 60-80 vixens and will take place from 19:30 to 23:00. |

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| ***PART A***  |
| **(1) Risk identification** | **(2) Risk assessment** | **(3) Risk management** |
| **Hazard** | **Potential Consequences** | **Who might be harmed****(user; those nearby; those in the vicinity; members of the public)** | **Inherent** |  | **Residual** | **Further controls (use the risk hierarchy)** |
| **Likelihood** | **Impact** | **Score** | **Control measures (use the risk hierarchy)** | **Likelihood** | **Impact** | **Score** |  |
| Slips, trips and falls  | Physical injury | Event organisers and attendees  | **2** | **4** | **8** | * All boxes and equipment to be stored away from main meeting area, e.g. stored under tables
* Any cables to be organised as best as possible
* Cable ties/to be used if necessary
* Floors to be kept clear and dry, and visual checks to be maintained throughout the meeting by organizers.
* Extra vigilance will be paid to make sure that any spilled food products/objects are cleaned up quickly and efficiently in the area.
* Report any trip hazards to facilities teams/venue staff asap. If cannot be removed mark off with hazard signs
 | **1** | **4** | **4** | * Contact emergency services if needed
* All incidents are to be reported on the as soon as possible ensuring the duty manager/health and safety officer have been informed. Follow [SUSU incident report policy](https://www.susu.org/groups/admin/howto/protectionaccident)
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| Setting up of Equipment. E.g. Table and chairs | Bruising or broken bones from tripping over table and chairs. | Meeting organisers and attendees | 2 | 3 | 6 | * Make stall operators aware of the potential risks, follow manual handling guidelines
* Ensure that at least 2 people carry tables.
* Setting up tables will be done by organisers.
* Work in teams when handling other large and bulky items.
* Request tools to support with move of heavy objects- SUSU Facilities/venue. E.g. hand truck, dolly, skates
* Make sure anyone with any pre-existing conditions isn’t doing any unnecessary lifting and they are comfortable
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| Inadequate event space- overcrowding, not inclusive to all members | Physical injury, distress, exclusion  | Event organisers and attendees | 1 | 3 | 3 | * Committee to check on venue pre-booking, checks on space, lighting, access, tech available
* Ensure space meets needs of members e.g. considering location & accessibility of space
* Committee to consult members on needs and make reasonable adjustments where possible
 | 1 | 3 | 3 | * Seek medical attention if problem arises
* Postpone meetings where space cannot be found
* Look at remote meeting options for members
* Committee WIDE training
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| Costumes/Fancy Dress | Props/costumes causing injury or offence | ParticipantsMembers of the public | **2** | **2** | **4** | 1. Ask members to only bring small items and use sensibly. Members of the society are responsible for their own possessions and the use of them.
2. Choose a theme unlikely to cause offence. Any participant wearing items deemed offensive asked to remove these.
3. Society to follow and share with members Code of conduct/SUSU [Expect Respect policy](https://www.susu.org/downloads/SUSU-Expect-Respect-Policy.pdf)
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| Alcohol consumption  | Antisocial / aggressive behaviour, illness from overconsumption, alcohol poisoning  | Event organisers, event attendees,  | **3** | **4** | **12** | 1. Members are responsible for their individual safety though and are expected to act sensibly
2. Initiation behaviour not to be tolerated and drinking games to be discouraged
3. Bar Security staff need to be alerted and emergency services called as required.
4. The consumption of alcohol will take place at licensed premises. The conditions on the license will be adhered to and alcohol will not be served to customers who have drunk to excess
5. Society to follow and share with members Code of conduct/SUSU [Expect Respect policy](https://www.susu.org/downloads/SUSU-Expect-Respect-Policy.pdf)
 | **2** | **3** | **6** | 1. Follow [SUSU incident report policy](https://www.susu.org/groups/admin/howto/protectionaccident)
2. Call emergency services as required 111/999
3. Committee WIDE training
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| Travel to and from venue | Vehicles collision -causing serious injury  | Event organisers, event attendees, Members of the public  | **4** | **3** | **12** | 1. Members are responsible for their individual safety when travelling to and from the venue, and are expected to act sensibly
2. local venue known to UoS students chosen
3. Attendees will be encouraged to travel in groups. Members will be encouraged (but not expected) to look out for one another and check in throughout the night where possible.
4. Avoid large groups of people totally blocking the pavement or spilling into the road.
5. Anybody in the group who is very drunk or appears unwell and therefore not safe should be encouraged to go home, ideally with another member. If required a taxi will be called for them.
6. Be considerate of other pedestrians & road users, keep disturbance & noise down.
 | **2** | **fire** | **4** | 1. Where possible venue chosen for the event will be local/known to members and within a short travel distance for members
2. Contact emergency services as required 111/999
3. Incidents are to be reported as soon as possible ensuring the duty manager/health and safety officer have been informed.
4. Follow [SUSU incident report policy](https://www.susu.org/groups/admin/howto/protectionaccident)
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| Medical emergency  | Members may sustain injury /become unwell pre-existing medical conditions Sickness Distress | Members | **2** | **5** | **10** | * Advise participants; to bring their personal medication
* Members/Committee to carry out first aid if necessary and only if qualified and confident to do so
* Contact emergency services as required 111/999
* Contact SUSU Reception/Venue staff for first aid support
 | **1** | **5** | **5** | * Incidents are to be reported on the as soon as possible ensuring the duty manager/health and safety officer have been informed.
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| Insufficient Fire Safety awareness | If a fire alarm is triggered, people may not know where to go- Crushing, falls, burns and smoke inhalation arising from induced panic, reduced space in buildings and external walkways, obstructed fire exits, build-up of flammable materials i.e. waste cardboard/boxes. | Members | **2** | **5** | **10** | * ensure that members know where the nearest fire exist are and the meeting place is outside, should it be needed
* Build-up of rubbish is to be kept to a minimum. Excess build up is to be removed promptly and deposited in the designated areas.
 | **1** | **5** | **5** | * All incidents are to be reported as soon as possible ensuring the duty manager/health and safety officer have been informed.
* Call emergency services and inform venue staff.
* Follow [SUSU incident report policy](https://www.susu.org/groups/admin/howto/protectionaccident)
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| Events involving Food | 1. Allergies
2. Food poisoning
3. Choking
 | All | 3 | 5 | 15 | 1. Individual event risk assessment to be carried out for events involving members making/serving food.
2. Homemade items to be avoided by those with allergies and should be made by those with appropriate food hygiene training (Level 2 +)
3. Only order/buy food at establishments with appropriate food hygiene rating
4. Food to only be provided/eaten when other activities are stopped
5. Follow good food hygiene practices- no handling food when ill, tie back hair, wash hands and equipment regularly using warm water and cleaning products, refrigerate necessary products
 | 1 | 5 | 5 | SUSU food hygiene level 2 course available for completion- requests made to activities team Call for first aid/emergency services a required  Report incidents via SUSU incident report procedure |
| Overcrowding | Physical injury  | Event organisers and attendees | 1 | 3 | 3 | Do not exceed venue capacity. | 1 | 3 | 3 | Seek medical attention if problem arisesReport incidents via SUSU incident report procedure |
| Disturbance to public | Conflict, noise pollution, crowds  | Event organisers and attendees, general public  | 2 | 2 | 4 | Everybody will be encouraged to stay together as a groupShouting, chants, whistles etc. to be kept to a minimum around busy university buildings and residential areas  | 1 | 2 | 2 |  |

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| ***PART B – Action Plan*** |
| **Risk Assessment Action Plan** |
| **Part no.** | **Action to be taken, incl. Cost** | **By whom** | **Target date** | **Review date** | **Outcome at review date** |
| 1 | 1. Risk assessment shared with all organisers and checked through before the event
2. Follow [SUSU Food Provision Guidance](https://sotonac.sharepoint.com/teams/SUSU-groups/SitePages/Food-Provision.aspx?web=1) for events involving home-cooked/prepared food or external catering.
 | Relevant committee members – president to ensure complete. | 13/11/24 |  |  |
| 2 | Committee to read and share SUSU Expect Respect Policy  | Relevant committee members – president to ensure complete. | 15/11/24 |  |  |
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| Responsible committee member signature: Eve Barry | Responsible committee member signature:  |
| Print name: EVE BARRY | Date: 15/11/24 | Print name: Jenna Moffitt | Date: 17/11/24 |

**Assessment Guidance**

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| * Eliminate
 | Remove the hazard wherever possible which negates the need for further controls | If this is not possible then explain why |  |
| * Substitute
 | Replace the hazard with one less hazardous | If not possible then explain why |
| * Physical controls
 | Examples: enclosure, fume cupboard, glove box | Likely to still require admin controls as well |
| * Admin controls
 | Examples: training, supervision, signage |  |
| * Personal protection
 | Examples: respirators, safety specs, gloves | Last resort as it only protects the individual |
| **LIKELIHOOD** | 5 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
| 4 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 20 |
| 3 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 |
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| **IMPACT** |

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| Impact | Health & Safety |
| 1 | Trivial - insignificant | Very minor injuries e.g. slight bruising |
| 2 | Minor | Injuries or illness e.g. small cut or abrasion which require basic first aid treatment even in self-administered.  |
| 3 | Moderate | Injuries or illness e.g. strain or sprain requiring first aid or medical support.  |
| 4 | Major  | Injuries or illness e.g. broken bone requiring medical support >24 hours and time off work >4 weeks. |
| 5 | Severe – extremely significant | Fatality or multiple serious injuries or illness requiring hospital admission or significant time off work.  |

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| Likelihood |
| 1 | Rare e.g. 1 in 100,000 chance or higher |
| 2 | Unlikely e.g. 1 in 10,000 chance or higher |
| 3 | Possible e.g. 1 in 1,000 chance or higher |
| 4 | Likely e.g. 1 in 100 chance or higher |
| 5 | Very Likely e.g. 1 in 10 chance or higher |