

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment for the activity of	<i>Southampton Vixens Candle Painting Fundraiser on the 10th February at 48 Gordon Avenue</i>	Date	<i>10/02/25</i>
Are you a sports club or society?	<i>Sports</i>	Assessor	<i>Jessica Doidge – Fundraiser Secretary</i>
President/Captain Name/2nd Committee Member	<i>Jenna Moffitt – President</i>	Signed off	SUSU USE ONLY
Risk Assessment Information (What is this risk assessment for? Please provide a summary of the activity or event, including all relevant information)	<i>The Vixens are running a candle painting activity which Vixens and friends can buy a ticket for on box office. The vixens are hosting this event at 48 Gordon Avenue. The Vixens will be providing candles and acrylic paint.</i>		

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Art Supplies eg: Paint	Ingestion from eating food near paint, Paint getting in eyes	Attendees	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make members aware of the potential risks. • No food to be ingested around paint. • Inform attendees of the location of sinks/running water for washing out eyes. • Do not eat the paint • Keep space ventilated if supplies require eg: open windows. 	1	3	6	<p>Paints offered have a low toxicity and will have little to no affect if small amounts are ingested.</p> <p>In case of an emergency, please pull nearest fire alarm and ensure all participants leave the venue calmly and safely.</p> <p>Once in a safe position to do so, call the emergency services on 999.</p> <p>Any incidents need to be reported as soon as possible ensuring duty manager/health and safety officers have been informed. Follow SUSU incident report policy.</p>

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Paper	Paper cuts	All Attendees	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage people to use scissors rather than ripping the paper. 	1	2	2	Committe to provide assistance as required if someone hurts themselves.
General Considerations (including group meetings)										
Slips, trips and falls	Soft tissue injury e.g., sprain, bruising. Potential broken ankle or other breaks i.e. wrists etc. Links directly to weather and ground surfaces.	All participants and organisers/staff and spectators	2	3	6	Check ground conditions for holes, lumps, and other obstacles.	1	3	3	If the injury is serious and participant in a lot of pain or discomfort, seek medical attention immediately. Call 999 in an emergency. Any incidents need to be reported as soon as possible ensuring duty manager/health and safety officers have been informed. Follow SUSU incident report policy.

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Fire	Smoke inhalation, burns and more severe. Risk of extreme harm.	All participants and organisers/staff and spectators	1	5	5	<p>Those leading the session must ensure they are aware of and fully understand the venue or locations fire procedures.</p> <p>Those leading must make sure that all exit routes are clearly highlighted and report any issues immediately to the venue.</p> <p>Highlight to all the participants the nearest emergency exit routes at the start of a session, and the importance of leaving calmly in case of an emergency.</p> <p>Consider accessibility requirements</p>	1	4	4	<p>In case of an emergency, please pull nearest fire alarm and ensure all participants leave the venue calmly and safely.</p> <p>Once in a safe position to do so, call the emergency services on 999.</p> <p>Any incidents need to be reported as soon as possible ensuring duty manager/health and safety officers have been informed. Follow SUSU incident report policy.</p>

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Setting up/moving or chairs/tables/other objects in the area.	Bruising or broken bones from tripping over table and chairs.	Meeting organisers and attendees	2	3	6	<p>Make stall operators aware of the potential risks, follow manual handling guidelines</p> <p>Ensure that at least 2 people carry tables. Setting up tables will be done by organisers.</p> <p>Work in teams when handling other large and bulky items.</p> <p>Request tools to support with move of heavy objects- SUSU Facilities/venue. E.g., hand truck, dolly, skates</p> <p>Make sure anyone with any pre-existing conditions isn't doing any unnecessary lifting and they are comfortable.</p>	1	3	3	<p>Seek assistance if in need of extra help from facilities staff/venue staff if needed</p> <p>Seek medical attention from SUSU Reception if in need</p> <p>Contact emergency services if needed</p> <p>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</p>

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Overcrowding	Physical injury	Event organisers and attendees	1	3	3	<p>Do not push/shove</p> <p>If large crowds form, barriers can be requested by SUSU facilities team (if available on the day) to assist with crowd management.</p> <p>Book during quieter times when less activities taking place on Redbrick/book all available space Inform other bookings on the Redbrick/in the area of the event</p>	1	3	3	<p>Seek medical attention if problem arises</p> <p>With support from a SUSU Activities coordinator Inform UoS security team of the event (– on campus 3311, off campus 02380 593311. unisecurity@soton.ac.uk) and liaise with them on need for security teams on the day</p> <p>Security team may inform police of the event if required (e.g. marches)</p>

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Electronics	Risk of eye strain, injury, electric shock	Committee and attendees	2	4	8	<p>Ensure regular breaks (ideally every 20mins) when using screens</p> <p>Ensure screen is set up to avoid glare, is at eye height where possible</p> <p>Ensure no liquids are placed near electrical equipment</p> <p>Ensure all leads are secured with cable ties/mats etc</p>	1	4	4	<p>Request support and advice from SUSU IT/Tech teams e.g. via activities team</p> <p>For external venues pre-check equipment and last PAT testing dates</p> <p>Seek medical attention as required</p>

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Accessibility: Entrances and Exits to the chosen area.	Participants may be prevented from attending the activity due to a lack of considerations of accessibility needs and requirements. They could also be prevented from leaving the area quickly in an emergency if the correct infrastructure and considerations have not been made.	Participants, committee	1	5	5	All areas chosen for activity will have their suitability checked. If a closed activity for members, members will be consulted to ensure there are no accessibility requirements. If an open activity, committee will consider all accessibility requirements and ensure that the area chosen is as accessible as possible.	1	5	5	In case of an emergency, call the emergency services on 999. If those with accessibility problems have not been able to exit, make the building manager and emergency services aware. Any incidents need to be reported as soon as possible ensuring duty manager/health and safety officers have been informed. Follow SUSU incident report policy.

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Reputational Risk: For the club or society, as well as to SUSU and the University	Incidents during club or society activity could pose a reputational risk to the club, Southampton University Students' Union or Southampton University itself. This could be controversial posts, conduct during a game, conduct during social, or anything else that brings the clubs/societies, SUSU or the University's name into disrepute.	The club, SUSU or the University's reputation	2	1	2	Ensuring all parts of this risk assessment are adhered to. Ensuring that any incidents involving public or others are recorded and addressed. Ensuring all members are reminded that they are representing the club/society, SUSU and the University in (usually) branded clothing.	1	1	1	

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Financial Risk: For the club or society, or potentially even SUSU if the club/soc finds itself in difficulty.	Club or society activity costing more than planned, weakening their financial position. Incidents with members of the public, participants, staff or members causing lawsuits and financial penalties.	The club or society Members subject to lawsuits SUSU if required to assist.	1	1	1	Clubs and societies required to complete financial forecasting and budget for the year. All encouraged to review membership fees yearly to ensure they are able to comfortably cover costs. SUSU can offer clubs and societies loans – these will need to be agreed and a payment schedule decided upon. Clubs and societies that have to rely on a loan will be subject to development plans to ensure their future is protected.	1	1	1	

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<p>Legal Compliance:</p> <p>Club or society activity going against set law.</p> <p>This includes breaches of the freedom of speech act</p>	<p>Fines imposed upon the student group as well as SUSU.</p> <p>Jail sentences.</p> <p>Reputational risk to the student group, SUSU and the wider University</p>	<p>The club or society, committee and members, SUSU or the Wider University.</p>	1	1	1	<p>All clubs and societies should ensure they are following set law at all times. If ever in doubt, they will contact the Activities team prior to the activity taking place.</p> <p>All who wish to bring in an external speaker must follow due process, available here</p> <p>This will be looked over by the University Legal Services team, and may require security being consulted and an extra risk assessment being submitted.</p>	1	1	1	



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Medical Issues: Pre-existing and process for any that appear during club or society activity	Illness, death	Members, committee	3	5	9	All clubs and societies should have a process for if a medical issue occurs. All should know the location of the nearest first aider. Members do not need to disclose medical information to committee (GDPR), but all committee should know how to find a first aider and help quickly. If in a Southampton Sport space, contact reception. If in SUSU, contact reception. If no-one can be found, contact campus Security – 02380 593311	1	1	1	In an emergency, contact 999. Any incidents need to be reported as soon as possible ensuring duty manager/health and safety officers have been informed. Follow SUSU incident report policy.

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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
	Remind attendees to not light candles	Jessica Doidge	10.02.25		
	Ensure paint or water spillages are cleaned immediately to avoid injury	Jessica Doidge	10.02.25		
	Only use a small amount of paint at a time on paper plates	Jessica Doidge	10.02.25		

Responsible committee member signature: 			Responsible committee member signature: 		
Print name: Jessica Doidge		Date:03/02/25	Print name: Jenna Moffitt		Date 03/02/25

Assessment Guidance

1. Eliminate	Remove the hazard wherever possible which negates the need for further controls	If this is not possible then explain why	
2. Substitute	Replace the hazard with one less hazardous	If not possible then explain why	
3. Physical controls	Examples: enclosure, fume cupboard, glove box	Likely to still require admin controls as well	
4. Admin controls	Examples: training, supervision, signage		
5. 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
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	1	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5
		IMPACT				

Risk process

1. Identify the impact and likelihood using the tables above.
2. Identify the risk rating by multiplying the Impact by the likelihood using the coloured matrix.
3. If the risk is amber or red - identify control measures to reduce the risk to as low as is reasonably practicable.
4. If the residual risk is green, additional controls are not necessary.
5. If the residual risk is amber the activity can continue but you must identify and implement further controls to reduce the risk to as low as reasonably practicable.
6. If the residual risk is red do not continue with the activity until additional controls have been implemented and the risk is reduced.
7. Control measures should follow the risk hierarchy, where appropriate as per the pyramid above.
8. The cost of implementing control measures can be taken into account but should be proportional to the risk i.e. a control to reduce low risk may not need to be carried out if the cost is high but a control to manage high risk means that even at high cost the control would be necessary.

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.

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

