

# **Jugalubs Circus Fun Risk Assessments**

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This document outlines the risk assessment for each individual piece of equipment used during a Jugalubs circus fun session. This includes all equipment that may be used during a workshop and additional activities such as balloon twisting and bubble blowing that may apply to other events.

A circus fun session may be a workshop or an event.

Not all the equipment will be used every time a session is run. The size and suitability of the indoor or outdoor space being used, the age of the participants and the type of workshop or event will determine which equipment is to be used and what hazards need avoiding.

Indoor working spaces must be clear of furniture.

Outdoor working spaces must be generally even with no obstacles that might constitute a trip hazard.

Additional risk assessments for setting up and managing outdoor events are included at the end of the document.

## Jugalubs Circus Fun Risk Assessment

Activity	Balancing a feather (indoor activity only)			
Activity only suitable for older children and adults				
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
Being knocked by other participants	Anyone	Low	Participants to work in their own space. Participants warned to be aware of other people around them.	
Poking feather in eyes or ears	Young children	Low	Warning given not to stick feathers in eyes or ears. Adults asked to supervise young children	

**Jugalubs Circus Fun Risk Assessment**

Activity	Scarf juggling			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
Slip hazard on polished floors	Anyone	Indoors low	Keep spare scarves tidy Encourage participants to not run around	

## Jugalubs Circus Fun Risk Assessment

Activity	Bean bag or ball juggling			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
Slip hazard on polished floors	Anyone	Indoors low	Keep spare bean bags tidy Encourage participants to not run around	
Being hit by a bean bag or ball being used by another	Anyone	Low	Work in your own space Use the bean bags for juggling and nothing else	

## Jugalubs Circus Fun Risk Assessment

Activity	Hoop or club juggling (no fire involved)			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
Damage to ceiling and wall fittings	Building	Indoors Low	Check room height before allowing activity Set up activity away from lighting bars and wall mounted equipment	
being hit by a club or hoop being used by another	Anyone	Low	Work in your own space Use the hoops or clubs for juggling and nothing else Only allow users to try activity after trying juggling balls.	
being hit by a club or hoop being used by self	Self	Low	Supervision of activity when trying for the first time.	

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Activity	Cigar boxes			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
None				

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Activity	diabolo			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
Damage to ceiling and wall fittings	Building	Indoors Low	Check room height before allowing diabolos to be thrown Set up activity away from lighting bars and wall mounted equipment	
being hit by a diabolo being used by another	Anyone	Low	Work in your own space Use the diabolo as instructed	
being hit by a diabolo being used by self	Self	Low	Discourage throwing diabolos until proficient in spinning them	

**Jugalubs Circus Fun Risk Assessment**

Activity	Flower sticks and devil sticks (no fire involved)			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
being hit by a flower stick or control stick being used by another	Anyone	Low	Work in your own space Use the equipment as directed and nothing else	



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Activity	Poi			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
being hit by a poi being used by another	Anyone	Indoors High Outdoors Low	Work in your own space Use the poi as directed and nothing else Assess size of room/group before allowing activity indoors.	
being hit by a poi being used by self	Self	Low	Supervision of activity when trying for the first time.	

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Activity	Kendama - Cup and Ball			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
Hitting self with equipment	User	Low	Demonstrate the correct use of equipment	
Hitting others with the equipment	User	Low	Demonstrate correct use of equipment and monitor how it is being used.	

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Activity	Plate spinning			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
being hit by a plate being used by another	Anyone	Low	Work in your own space Use the plate as instructed	
being hit by a plate being used by self	Self	Low	Encourage safe use of equipment	
Being hit with a plate stick	Anyone	Low	Encourage correct use of equipment Stop activity if participants make inappropriate use of activity (i.e. swordplay)	

## Jugalubs Circus Fun Risk Assessment

Activity	Balance boards			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
Falling from board	User	Medium	Older children to work in pairs Younger children to work with an adult. Use style of board appropriate for age and ability of user Equipment must be used as directed	
Falling onto objects	User	Indoors Medium	Site activity away from tables chars etc.	
Risk to feet being trapped beneath board	User	Low	Users must be wearing tight fitting shoes	
Boards become slippery when wet	User	Outside Low	Check equipment after rain.	
Damage to wall furniture	Building	Indoors Low	Site activity away from walls with pictures / posters etc.	
Damage to floors	Building	Low	Equipment must be used as directed Equipment must be used on protective matting	

## Jugalubs Circus Fun Risk Assessment

Activity	Stilts – hold on stilts			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
Falling from stilts	User	Low	Older children to work in pairs Younger children to work with an adult. Use height of stilt appropriate for age and ability of user Equipment must be used as directed	
Falling onto objects	User	Indoors Low	Site activity away from tables chars etc.	
Damage to wall furniture	Building	Indoors Low	Site activity away from walls with pictures / posters etc.	
Trip hazards	User	Low	Check for possible trip hazards Indoors:- loose carpets, cables, steps Outdoors:- rough ground, holes, steps Keep unused equipment in designated areas	
Trip hazard from abandoned stilts	Anyone	Low	Return stilts to designated area when not in use	

## Jugalubs Circus Fun Risk Assessment

Activity	Ladder Stilts – 2 x 1.6m ladders used as stilts			
Activity only suitable for older children and adults				
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
Falling from stilts	User	Low	Participants to work in pairs. Restrict how high you can climb the ladders Equipment must be used as directed	
Falling onto objects	User	Indoors Low	Site activity away from tables chars etc.	
Damage to wall furniture	Building	Indoors Low	Site activity away from walls with pictures / posters etc.	
Trip hazards	User	Low	Check for possible trip hazards Indoors:- loose carpets, cables, steps Outdoors:- rough ground, holes, steps Keep unused equipment in designated areas	
Trip hazard from abandoned ladders	Anyone	Low	Return ladders to designated area when not in use	

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Activity	Micro pedal bikes			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
Falling backwards	User	low	Warn user of the possibility	
Riding into other people	Others	low	Encourage use of bikes in a designated area.	

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Activity	pedalgos			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
Falling forwards/backwards	User	Medium	Older children to work in pairs Younger children to work with an adult.	
Trip hazard	Anyone	Low	Return pedalgos to designated area when not in use	
Risk to feet being trapped by pedalgo	User	Low	Users must be wearing tight fitting shoes	



## Jugalubs Circus Fun Risk Assessment

Activity	Free standing tightrope / slackline (30cm or 50cm from floor depending on age of participants)			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
Falling from slackline	User	Medium	Older children to work in pairs Younger children to work with an adult. Equipment must be used as directed	
Falling onto objects	User	Indoors Medium	Site activity away from tables chairs etc.	
Falling onto a grit surface (tarmac)	User	Outside Low	Cover the ground surface with matting.	
Slackline may become slippery when wet	User	Outside Low	Check equipment after rain.	
Damage to wall furniture	Building	Indoors Low	Site activity away from walls with pictures / posters etc.	
Damage to floors	Building	Low	Equipment must be used as directed Equipment must be used on protective matting	
Equipment malfunction	User	Low	Check the equipment regularly during use.	

## **Additional activities**

## Jugalubs Circus Fun Risk Assessment

Activity	Balloon twisting			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
Choking hazard	Small children	Low	Balloons twisted for small children to be given to a responsible adult. Balloons not to be given to children under 3 years old.	
Popped balloons left on ground	Dogs, wildlife	Low	Popped balloons to be discarded safely	

Activity	Big bubbles			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
Ingestion of bubble mix	Small children	Low	Discourage children from playing in the bubble mix.	
Children swinging wands around	Anyone	Low	Encourage correct use of all equipment	
Tripping while running with wands	Anyone	Low	Encourage participants not to run around when creating bubbles	
Ground becomes slippery around bubble mix	Anyone	Low	Keep area used to minimum. If necessary move bubbles to new area. Keep bubbles away from tarpaulin and boards to reduce risk of those becoming slippery. Clearly signpost the bubble area with warnings about slip hazard.	



## **Site access and site setup**

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<b>Activity</b>	Site access, pitch setup.
<i>This sheet covers the general risk assessment for arriving on site, setting up the pitch and leaving site. The pitch may be outside or inside.</i>	

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Who could be harmed</b>	<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>Precautions and control measures</b>	<b>Checked</b>
Collisions when driving van	Other site users Other vehicles and equipment on site.	Low	Care to be taken when driving on site. Site rules regarding speed / hazard light to be adhered to. Off road access to be approached with caution. No one other than myself to drive the van.	
Hitting someone when moving equipment	Other site users Other equipment on site	Low	All equipment moved with care. Where possible minimise the distance equipment is carried. Try to ensure a clear path from van to pitch.	
Trip hazard - equipment	Anyone	Low.	Keep equipment tidy and in one place as it is got out of the van and collected up at the end of the day. Keep the route from the pitch to the van clear.	
Trip hazard – site	Anyone	Low	Check for possible trip hazards before setting up. Indoors:- loose carpets, cables, steps Outdoors:- rough ground, holes, steps	
Gazebo blowing over (outdoors only)	Anyone.	Low	Gazebo to be always anchored with either pegs or weights. Emergency guy lines on hand in case of high winds	

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Who could be harmed</b>	<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>Precautions and control measures</b>	<b>Checked</b>
Trip hazard – Tarpaulin (outdoors only)	Anyone	Low	Only use tarpaulin when it can be pegged down	
Trip Hazard – pedal-go/bike boards	Anyone	Low	Only used on grass surfaces and pegged down to stop them moving	
Trip hazard – guy ropes (outdoors only)	Anyone	Low	Only use guy ropes if necessary. Keep all activities in front of guy ropes. Ensure the guy ropes are clearly visible.	
Slip hazard – boards and tarpaulin when wet	Anyone	Low	Put up caution, slip hazard signs if boards and tarpaulin get very wet.	