

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.

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.

Indoor working spaces must be clear of furniture.

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

At the end of the document is an additional risk assessment for COVID should COVID restrictions be in place.

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Activity	Feather balancing (indoor only activity)			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
being knocked by other participants	Anyone	Low	Work in your own space	
Poking in eyes, ears ...	Young children	Low	Warn not to stick feather into ears or eyes.	

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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	

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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	

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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	

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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)	

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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	

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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	

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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	Walking Ladders			
Activity only suitable for older children and adults. Requires a wall to lean ladder against for beginners.				
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
Falling from stilts	User	High	Participants to work in pairs. Restrict how high you can climb the ladders Equipment must be used as directed	
Falling onto objects	User	Indoors Mediom	Site activity away from tables chars etc.	
Falling on to people	Anyone	Medium	Ladders must be used as directed facing a sturdy wall Ladders must not be used where others might walk in front of user. Ladders must only be used as directed.	
Damage to wall furniture	Building	Indoors Medium	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	

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Activity	Unicycles			
Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
Falling	User	Medium	Older children to work in pairs Younger children to work with an adult. Use unicycle appropriate for age and size of user Users to be instructed in using unicycles before being allowed to use them.	
Injury to shoulders and hands when falling	User	Medium	Wrist guards must be worn	
Falling onto objects	User	Indoors Low	Site activity away from tables chars etc.	
Risk to feet being trapped by unicycle	User	Low	Users must be wearing tight fitting shoes	
Injury to supporter when user falls	Supporter	Low	Clear instruction given before use and support of unicycles.	
Damage to wall furniture	Building	Indoors Low	Site activity away from walls with pictures / posters etc.	

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Activity	Free standing tightrope / slackline (30cm from floor)			
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.	

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Activity	Free standing tightrope / slackline (50cm from floor)			
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 Equipment only to be used where all participants are over 10 years old or adult supervision can be guaranteed.	
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

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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	
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.	

Site access and site setup

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Activity	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>	

Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
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	

Hazard	Who could be harmed	Risk Level	Precautions and control measures	Checked
Trip hazard – Tarpaulin (outdoors only)	Anyone	Low	Only use tarpaulin when it can be pegged down	
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.	

COVID specific risk assessment.

The following section covering COVID specific risk is only applicable if additional covid related measures have to be taken.

Jugalubs Circus Fun**Additional Risk Assessment for COVID restrictions****01/07/2021*****review date:***

This risk assessment is for a Jugalubs Circus Fun workshop and does not cover general arrival or departure of participants from the venue or activities not related to the workshop which remain the responsibility of the organisation booking the workshop.

Additional risk assessment for workshops

Hazard / Risk	Who is affected	Control Measures	
Transmission of COVID between participants	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants encouraged to remain socially distanced as per current recommendations• Wherever possible workshops to be held outdoors• Workshops to only include activities that can be socially distanced	
Transmission of COVID between participants and instructor	Participants Instructor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wherever possible Instructor to remain socially distanced from participants• Instructor to wear a visor when close to participants• Instructor to use voice amplification system to avoid shouting.	
Transmission of COVID via equipment	Participants Instructor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where possible participants to have individual sets of equipment required for all the activities• Participants encouraged to use hand sanitizer at the start of the workshop and when moving between equipment that is shared.• Equipment with hard surfaces to be wiped down with antiseptic wipes at the end of the workshop.• Soft equipment that cannot be wiped down to be bagged and quarantined for 72 hours before reuse.	

Hazard / Risk	Who is affected	Control Measures	
Additional trip hazards Place markers and baskets		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make participants aware of trip hazards from basket • Suggest basket is placed beside the participant a little away from the place marker • Ask for equipment to be placed in the basket when not in use 	

Additional risk assessment for other events

Hazard / Risk	Who is affected	Control Measures	
Transmission of COVID between participants	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants encouraged to remain socially distanced as per current recommendations • Wherever possible event to be held outdoors • Activities to be spread out to encourage socially distanced 	
Transmission of COVID between participants and supervisor	Participants supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wherever possible supervisor to remain socially distanced from participants • supervisor to wear a visor when close to participants. 	
Transmission of COVID via equipment	Participants supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participants to have individual sets of equipment for manipulation activities (juggling, diabolo, spinning plate, kendama, flower sticks). • Participants encouraged to use hand sanitizer at the start of the workshop and when moving between activities. • Sanitising stations set up around the activities. • All equipment to be returned to supervisor for wiping down with antiseptic wipes after use by participant • Soft equipment that cannot be wiped down not to be included in activities. 	
Additional trip hazards baskets		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small number of baskets put out at start of event. • Used baskets to be handed in for cleaning. • Ensure all equipment returned to designated areas after use for cleaning. 	

