

General Risk Assessment

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Task: Chelmsford Museum School Session – WW2		Unit/Area/Plant: Chelmsford Museum, Oaklands Park			Auseums	
Assessment Date: 19/10/2022	Review Date:		Compiled By (Assessors): L. French		Persons Consulted:	
Description of task being assessed (including limitations): Running a safe educational session for visiting school children and teachers on the topic WW2				/2		

Common Hazards						
Hazards	PA	Hazards	PA			
Slips & Trips (Access/Egress/Walkways)	ACD	Falls from Height				
Manual Handling (Lifting/Pushing/Pulling)	А	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)	C D	Oxygen Deficiency/ Enrichment				
Flammable Substances (COSHH OR DSEAR RA)			•			

Plant/Equipment/Vehicle/Machinery Hazards						
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Noise		Ejection				
Vibration (HAVS & WBVS)		Trapping or Drawing In				
Pressure (Air or Liquid)		Crushing	C D			
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)	ACD			
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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Medium (M) 8 – 14 – Provide specific training &/or brief staff (Record on training plan). High (H)

>14 – STOP & review controls in place via an improvement plan.

Hazard	Potential Risk	Existing Methods/Control Measures		Risk Rating		Risk	Further Actions/Comments
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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	
Sharp objects	Objects used in session may have sharp edges and cause minor injuries e.g. pieces of shrapnel.	Museum staff to demonstrate correct use of objects and supervise children throughout the session. In the event of injury refer to first aider. There is a qualified first aider on duty in the museum at all times.	2	1	2	L	



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Crushing	Stirrup pump may cause minor injuries to fingers.	Museum staff to demonstrate correct use of objects and supervise children throughout the session. In the event of injury refer to first aider. There is a qualified first aider on duty in the museum at all times.	2	1	2	L	
Chemicals	Original gas masks may contain hazardous chemicals.	Children are not allowed to handle these objects, only for demonstration by museum staff. No one is to put them over face.	3	1	3	_	
Psychosocial Issues	Children may find wearing replica gas masks distressing, could cause panic attacks.	Wearing of gas masks is optional. If children feel uncomfortable wearing them they are to remove them immediately.	2	1	2	L	
Violence and aggression	Danger from other museum visitors. Children wandering off into park, risk of assault or abduction, risk from dogs – bites or fouling.	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. 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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Teaching staff briefed on risk assessment; risk assessment availal their visit.	ole for visiting schools to download from website in advan	ce o	f Manual handling		
I confirm I am the person responsible for ensuring the control measures are being complied with, and for implementing additional controls.					
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