# Fundraising Event Risk Assessment (template)

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| **Name :** |  | **Date of Event** |  |
| **Name of Organizer/Community Group:** |  | **Date of Assessment:** |  |
| **Name of person responsible for Risk assessment :** |  | **Date of Review:** |  |

| What are the hazards? | Who might be harmed and how? | What are you already doing to control the risks? | Current Risk Rating (H/M/L) | What further action do you need to take to control the risks? | Residual Risk Rating (H/M/L) |
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| **Management of Safety and clear responsibilities** | Members of Public  Employees  Volunteers  Contractors | Produce a safety policy statement that describes how the event organiser intends to manage safety; who has specific responsibilities; and how these will be carried out. | Medium | Ensure responsibilities are agreed and communicated out to all stakeholders.  Ensure copies of the documents are available onsite during the event. | Low |
| **Slip, Trips and Falls** | Members of Public  Employees  Volunteers  Contractors | Organiser has carried out a pre-event site visit to ensure that the area is suitable to hold event and has developed a suitable risk assessment.  Emergency routes to be of adequate width and kept clear at all times.  Any uneven or damaged surfaces must be appropriately highlighted usually by means of a physical barrier or hazard tape to warn others of the risks until it can be suitably repaired or replaced.  All working at height must be avoided wherever possible; where not it must be risk assessed, properly planned and organised and any equipment used (e.g. ladders, cherry pickers) must be properly inspected and maintained in accordance with the Work at Height Regulations (2005) and the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (1998 | Medium | Event Organiser to carry out walk through visual inspection (prior to start of event) to ensure access/egress routes are unobstructed, free from slip and trip hazards and lighting levels are adequate. | Low |
| **Physical Hazards present at site** | Members of Public  Employees  Volunteers  Contractors | Organiser to carry out a pre-event site visit to ensure that the area is suitable and carry out a suitable risk assessment. Where there is a high level of risk, find a more suitable site to hold event.  Events should not be carried out in areas where there is a high risk to participants. Areas that may be unsuitable include:  ▪ Anywhere within unguarded access to deep or fast flowing water (e.g. rivers)  ▪ Highway or roadside areas without vehicle segregation (fencing)  ▪ Steep, slippery or unstable ground (including those with holes or excavations) | Medium | Where possible, use barriers or tape to cordon off any dangerous areas on site and ensure all persons are informed that access to these areas is prohibited (e.g. signage, pre-event briefing) | Low |
| **Manual Handling** | Members of Public  Employees  Volunteers  Contractors | Avoid manual handling where possible. Where significant manual handling will be involved, carry out a manual handling risk assessment and provide suitable information and training.  Employees/volunteers should be informed of the dangers of manual handling and instructed to assess loads before handling.  Minimise repetitive bending wherever possible and ensure employees/volunteers take regular breaks.  Use individuals who have been trained in techniques or provide basic training in manual handling techniques | Medium | Organiser/team leader to give pre-event briefing session with all employees/volunteers to include instructions on manual handling, including:  ▪ Not to lift unless comfortable in doing so  ▪ Young persons and others at significant risk (e.g. persons with a previous back injury) instructed not to lift heavy weights.  ▪ All lifting by young persons to be supervised  ▪ Wherever possible, lift items with assistance rather than alone | Low |
| **Weather Issues** | Members of Public  Employees  Volunteers  Contractors | Employees/volunteers should be informed beforehand of the need to wear sensible outdoor clothing, including trousers and warm clothing where appropriate.  Organiser/team leader to cancel activity if there is extreme weather (e.g. high winds, rain, snow etc)  Ensure there is an adequate supply of water to prevent dehydration. | Medium | Organiser/team leader to give pre-event briefing session with all participants to cover, where applicable, working in the heat (need to keep hydrated and avoiding sunburn) | Low |
| **Equipment and Electrical Failure** | Members of Public  Employees  Volunteers  Contractors | Ensure equipment is well maintained and in a good state of repair.  Where equipment requires statutory inspection (such as portable appliances, lifting equipment, bouncy castles etc.) ensure that inspections have been carried out according to required frequency and documentation is available onsite during the event (e.g. bouncy castles require annual inspection by a competent person under the PIPA industry standards, lifting equipment that lifts people requires a six-monthly examination by a competent person) | High | Ensure that all fixed electrical installations have been checked and certificated by a competent person as | Low |
| **Natural Hazards including pollen, dangerous plants cuts from thorns, Wasp & Bee nests,** | Members of Public  Employees  Volunteers  Contractors | Organiser to carry out a pre-event site visit to ensure that the area does not contain any natural hazards such as dangerous plants or wasp or bee nests.  Employees/volunteers should be informed beforehand of the need to wear appropriate PPE (including protective gloves) and sensible outdoor clothing and footwear, keeping hands, arms and legs covered. | Low | Ensure adequate first aid arrangements have been provided (proportionate to the level of risk).  At least one member of the group should have access to a phone in order to call for emergency assistance in the event of a group member being injured or falling ill as a result of an allergic reaction | Low |
| **First aid and Emergency Arrangements** | Members of Public  Employees  Volunteers  Contractors | Organiser to ensure that adequate first aid arrangements have been provided, including adequate numbers of first aiders (proportionate to the level of risk e.g. size of event, type of activities, audience profile). Event Safety Guide states that for small events this “should never be less than two first aiders, to allow for contingencies”.  Ensure that first aid provision is clearly signposted at the event.  Where necessary, liaise with the Emergency Services to ensure that adequate emergency arrangements are in place and that all involved are informed. | Medium | For large events, consult with local council and or Police re Emergency Planning. | Low |
| **Children and Young Persons** | Members of Public  Employees  Volunteers  Contractors | Organiser to carry out a pre-event site visit to ensure that the area is suitable for young persons.  Age plays a big part in the ability to recognise and avoid risk. Accordingly, where young persons are volunteering in an event, there should be adequate supervision at all times. If volunteering, there should be no groups of children under the age of 16 working in an area without direct supervision of an adult. | Low | Where young persons and/or children are volunteering, the group leader must take specific time to explain procedures and take particular care to describe and point out the potential hazards identified within the risk assessment. | Low |
| **Contractors** | Members of Public  Employees  Volunteers  Contractors | Ensure that any contractors or subcontractors hired to build the stages erect marquees or stalls etc, are competent in managing their own health and safety on site.  Request copies of the contractors' safety policies, risk assessments for their work, safety method statements and public liability insurance prior to employment. | Medium | Ensure contractors are given adequate safety information regarding the event. | Low |
| **Fire Safety** | Members of Public  Employees  Volunteers  Contractors | Organiser to nominate a named ‘responsible person’ and carry out a fire risk assessment in order to meet requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.  The risk assessment should assist in ensuring that all necessary fire safety procedures, fire prevention measures, and fire precautions (plans, systems, and equipment) are in place and working properly.  Establish a suitable means of contacting the emergency services and provide them with any relevant information about any dangerous substances at the event.  Ensure that the premises and any equipment provided in connection with fire-fighting, fire detection and warning, or emergency routes and exits are covered by a suitable system of maintenance and are maintained by a component person in an effective manner, in efficient working order and in good repair | High | Inform non-employees, such as residents, temporary or contract workers, of the relevant risks to them, and provide them with information about the fire safety procedures for the event.  Provide agency staff with appropriate instructions and relevant information about the risks to them.  The risk assessment should pay particular consideration to the implications of the venue design, and the handling and storage of flammable substances and materials, and other sources of ignition such as pyrotechnics and fireworks. It should also consider people particularly at risk such as those unfamiliar with the site, lone workers, unaccompanied children and young persons and those with a disability. | Low |
| **Crowd Management** | Members of Public  Employees  Volunteers  Contractors | Consider anticipated crowd capacity and ensure facilities are adequate, including provision of adequate facilities for refreshments, sanitary requirements, etc.  The Event Safety Guide states that for small events there should be at least two toilets.  Ensure adequate access for wheelchair users and pushchairs is provided.  Ensure there are adequate entrance and exit routes with no obstructions, which are clearly signposted. Consider the design of the venue and need for barriers to allow good entry and exit routes with no obstructions and allow for crowd movement within the venue. | Medium | Event Organiser to carry out walk through visual inspection (prior to start of event) to ensure access/egress routes are unobstructed and free from slip and trip hazards. In particular ensure that checks are made of all fire and emergency facilities and that:  • All exits are unlocked;  • Escape routes are clear;  • Emergency lighting works;  • Fire-fighting equipment and alarms are in full working order;  • A PA system for use in emergencies can be heard clearly in all parts of the venue. | Low |
| **Waste Management** | Members of Public  Employees  Volunteers  Contractors | Ensure that details are given to the waste contractor concerning estimated audience size, event size, site boundaries etc. (The waste contractor cannot accurately plan working methods or employ the correct number of workers without this information).  The collection company must be a registered waste carrier or exempt from registration. Vehicles used to help with the collection of waste must be mechanically sound and be accompanied with the relevant test certificates including an MOT if appropriate.  Ensure there are sufficient numbers of waste receptacles positioned within and around the perimeter of the event. | Medium | Ensure that special attention is made to areas such as:  ▪ Approach to the event (e.g. surrounding streets and/or land)  ▪ Entrances and exits  ▪ Arenas and stages  ▪ First aid areas  ▪ Catering areas | Low |

**Please note this risk assessment template is generic and has been produced as good practice guidance only. The content should be tailored to ensure that all hazards specific to your own event/ activities have been identified and relevant controls put in place to adequately control the risks.**