

Risk assessment

Southwark Splash



Activity	Hazards	Who/what is at risk?	How risky?	How we will make it safe	Who will put this into action?
		Person P Clothes C Building B Furniture F	High risk H (likely to result in injury, illness or damage if no action taken) Medium risk M (possible it will result in injury, illness or damage if no action taken) Low risk L (slight possibility it will result in injury, illness or damage if no action taken)		In each case, the leader of the activity
Water play	Slipping on spilt water Drowning	P P	L L	Ensure spillages are mopped up immediately; supervise water containers	
Cleaning pennies	Spillage of vinegar	P	L	Mop up spillages	
Dunking	Allergic reaction Drinks too hot Slipping on spills	P P p	L L L	Children to be the responsibility of carers/ parents; temperatures of drinks to be checked; mop up spillages	
Crossing Red Sea competition	Tripping over blue base	p	L	Position with care	
Floating oranges					
Wave machine	Drinking contents of bottle	p	L	Verbal warning given	
Moulded plasticine	Slipping on spillages	p	L	Mop up spillages	
Bubbology	Slipping on spillages	p	L	Mop up spillages	
M&Ms prayer					
Danger map					
Baptism bunting					
Anointing oil					
Washing hands prayer	Slipping on spillages	p	L	Mop up spillages	
Prayer flowers	Slipping on spillages	p	L	Mop up spillages	
Sorry prayers	Slipping on spillages	p	L	Mop up spillages	



Dove on a stick	Eye-poking	p	L	Make sure sticks are a reasonable length; verbal warning if appropriate	
Marbling	Slipping on spillages; damage to clothes	P C	L	Mop up spillages; provide protective aprons; have means of disposing of 'used water' appropriately	
Font panels	Inhaling hairspray	p	L	Wear mask; do outside away from families	
Candlemaking					
Bracelet / keyring	Swallowing beads; beads up nose, down ears etc	P	L	Supervise small children	
Cupcakes	hygiene	p	L	Means of washing hands beforehand and keeping ingredients for each person self-contained	
Triptychs					
Paint blowing	Slipping on spillages	P	L	Mop up spillages	
Asperging bundles	Cutting self on scissors	P	L	If secateurs	
Godparent cards					
Music					
Makaton					
labyrinth	Tripping over items on floor	p	L	Make everything visible; discourage running	
Diddy Disciples					
Godly Play					
General Event Risks	Nb toilets, buildings etc – normal Cathedral provisions apply				
Safeguarding				Children are the responsibility of their own adults at all times (as mentioned in handout) Teams to be briefed on basic	Aike



				safeguarding good practice for events; core team DBS checked	
Pool	Drowning	P	H	Supervise pool throughout event. Provide cover if possible. Restrain people from going near it until the actual baptism	Aike / designated steward
	Water too cold	P	L	Paul to put on heater as early as possible; hot kettles to be added BEFORE public arrive	Aike / Paul
	Slipping	P	L	Towels to mop up any spillages available on the platform at the Crossing as soon as they occur; cups filled from buckets ON the tarp for a) adding to the pool and b) to fill up cups for asperging (NB make sure the buckets have plenty of water in for both these purposes). Only have small amount of water in each cup for asperging. Make sure outside of cups aren't dripping as far as possible.	Aike Lucy
	electrocution	P	H	Ensure microphone is removed from bishop before going near the water; ensure handheld microphone is held very securely; avoid excess water escaping from pool and getting into the electrics under the platform	Sarah
	Filling / Emptying pool	B	M	Supervise the filling of the pool. Only begin pumping out when public is out of the way; have professional pump	Aike



Baptism	Wet candidates and bishop	P	L	Towels, robes and dry clothes available; gazebos for changing	Aike
	Unexpected wet candidates	P	L	A few spare sets of clothes available	Aike
Other	Fire	BP	H	Cathedral staff to take over with usual evacuation plan	Paul
	Crowd control	P	L	Stewards' team to be briefed beforehand.	Aike
	Photography			Notice on handout; provision made for non-photo-able people; professional camera crew engaged	all
	Safeguarding children	P	M	Parents/carers are responsible for children at all times. Brief stewards. Stewards on doors not to let children out of building unaccompanied.	All, Stewards

Notes

This Risk Assessment is intended to be a useful document specific to the activity time in Messy Church. It should help a team consider any risks beforehand and make sure appropriate measures are put in place to make sure both people and property are kept safe. It isn't intended to be used by the kitchen team as cooking has its own discrete set of risks. Needless to say, this is offered as a help only and BRF can take no responsibility for any injury or damage resulting from using this form! (Now, did I make out a Risk Assessment about planning Risk Assessments...?)



Activity: Write down only the activities you think have a risk involved. Don't write down every single one, as people will only read the minimum.

Hazards: Write down why it could be dangerous.

Who/what is at risk?: This form includes damage to property as well as people. Teams need to behave responsibly in the buildings we use.

How risky?: These categories are toned down from industrial levels of risk on the grounds that teams are highly unlikely to be even thinking of doing anything that could result in fatality in a Messy Church context. So 'High risk H' means *'if we don't do anything, it is very likely that this danger will happen'*; 'Medium risk M' means *'if we don't do anything, it may happen'* and 'Low risk L' means *'if we don't do anything, there's a slight possibility it could happen'*. But it's worth exercising common sense about the general use of scissors, paintbrushes and so on that you use every time: you don't want to write down every time that scissors are a medium risk because of sharp blades or that paintbrushes might result in eyes poked out. If your team needs making aware of this, fill out a permanent form that has general and usual hazards on (think about tripping hazards, sharp blades, hygiene, objects going in eyes and ears or up noses, allergies, fire, wires, loud noises – this list is not exhaustive) and save the one above for specific Messy Church sessions.

How we will make it safe: Some common measures are included with abbreviations to speed up the form-filling-in, but there will be others too. I didn't want to get too lurid.

Who will put this into action?: Ultimately, the parents/carers are responsible for their own children, so this column is *not* to give legal responsibility to poor Doris but to designate a job and someone to do it.

If you loathe this sort of form, print it off and decorate it before you fill it in. Put the Ritz back into Risk. Use colour, add your own abbreviations, make it yours.

