Art in the Dark – Keeping everyone safe

This is a guide to assessing the risk of Art in the Dark activities, you will need to fill out your own organisations risk assessment, whilst taking these points into consideration.

As the organiser of an event, you're responsible for keeping everyone who's involved in your event as safe as possible at all times. Don't worry, it's not as daunting as you might think: just take a look at our organisers checklist below. For further information and food handling advice, please visit the Health and Safety Executive website and the Food Standards Agency website.

The activity you choose can be based on what you have available within your building, consider who is at risk and how to minimise, or cancel out the risk and the additional risks this activity could cause whilst participants sight is restricted.

1. Keeping safe: Please ensure that the activities you choose are appropriate for the age of the young people and or audience members you are dealing with and that a full risk assessment has been carried out prior to the activity/ event taking place.

2. Younger participants should be supervised carrying out these activities at all times.

3. When using blindfolds, eye shades or any other eye covering there is a risk of spreading eye infections, if multiple people use the same item. Risk of infection is greatly reduced by placing a clean tissue between the eyes and blindfold every time it is used.

4. Let everyone know that if they feel uncomfortable, it's okay to remove their blindfold at any time.

5. If you are working in the dark, remove objects and hazards that could cause slips trips and falls.

6. Make sure you have clear methods of communication and everyone is aware of what to do in an emergency to end the activity.

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