

Example Risk Assessment document for a Colour Run Event

The purpose of this risk assessment is to identify and evaluate potential risks associated with a colour run event. The event involves participants running through designated areas while having coloured powder thrown at them. The aim is to ensure the safety of all participants and spectators during the event.

This document is just an example of a risk assessment document and schools/groups and organisations should ensure they create their own risk assessment document to ensure that all risks associated with their setting are addressed before going ahead.

Hazard Identification:

- Slippery Surfaces:
 - Risk: Participants may slip and fall on the coloured powder, especially if it becomes wet.
 - Control Measures: Regularly monitor and address slippery areas. Place warning signs and provide non-slip surfaces in critical areas.

- Allergic Reactions:
 - Risk: Some participants may have allergies to the coloured powder or other event materials.
 - Control Measures: Clearly communicate the ingredients of the coloured powder in advance to parents. Have trained first aid staff on-site to address any allergic reactions.

- Inhalation of Powder:
 - Risk: Participants may inhale coloured powder, leading to respiratory issues, particularly those with asthma.
 - Control Measures: Closely monitor those individuals with respiratory conditions and ensure they keep to the edges of areas where there are high concentrations of thrown powder. Produce a separate risk assessment document for those children with severe respiratory conditions.

- Trips and Falls:
 - Risk: Uneven terrain or obstacles may cause participants to trip or fall.
 - Control Measures: Inspect the course for potential hazards, mark uneven surfaces, and provide clear signage. Have medical personnel on standby.



- **Crowd Control:**
 - Risk: Large crowds may lead to overcrowding and potential accidents.
 - Control Measures: Establish clearly marked areas for spectators. Monitor participant numbers and limit entries if necessary. Have event staff and security personnel present to manage crowds.

- **Weather Conditions:**
 - Risk: Adverse weather conditions (rain, strong winds) may impact the safety of the event.
 - Control Measures: Monitor weather forecasts leading up to the event. Have contingency plans in place, such as rescheduling or cancelling the event if conditions pose a safety risk.

Risk Evaluation:

Evaluate the likelihood and severity of each identified risk, considering the control measures in place. Assign a risk rating (low, medium, high) based on this assessment.

Emergency Response Plan:

Develop and communicate a comprehensive emergency response plan that includes contact information for medical personnel, evacuation procedures, and communication strategies in case of an emergency.

Monitoring and Review:

Regularly monitor the event and make necessary adjustments based on real-time conditions. Conduct a post-event review to identify areas for improvement in future colour run events.

This risk assessment is a living document and should be reviewed and updated as necessary to reflect changes in event logistics or conditions.

