



VENUE-BASED RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

u3a Name: Bracknell Forest u3a	Date: March 2023
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Interest Group: Barn Dancing at Birch Hill Scout Hut	
Description of Activity: The group meets once a month on a Saturday evening to learn and practice a variety of Barn Dances	

This checklist is to help in the planning for a venue-based activity, such as a community hall. This isn't an exhaustive list, so think carefully about any specific risks you may encounter. It is likely that you will need to add to this risk assessment checklist. This form can (and should) be altered to suit specific activity requirements.

Where you identify a particular risk you should note the actions you will take to reduce it. It's important to carry out a risk assessment before the activity takes place, and you can always add to this during the activity.

	Risk Assessment Checklist	Yes	No	N/A	If no, what actions will you take to mitigate this risk?
General	Is the area where the u3a activity is taking place in well lit and away from any hazards?	✓			
	Are floor surfaces in good condition to prevent slips, trips, and falls?	✓			The Floor has to be checked at the start of the meeting for an items debris from previous hall users and swept as necessary
	Are all walkways kept clear and free from obstruction?	✓			
	Are there enough seats for all members in attendance?	✓			
	Has a register of members in attendance been taken for fire safety reasons?	✓			Register is taken as members arrive
Electrical	Have you made sure there are no trailing leads or cables?	✓			





	Is the use of socket adapters (e.g., extension leads) per socket kept to an absolute minimum to prevent overloading?	✓			
	Have all cables been inspected to ensure they are intact and safe for use?	✓			
	If the venue requires PAT testing, has equipment been PAT tested?			✓	
Fire Safety					
	Are all fire exit and escape routes, fire alarm points and fire-fighting equipment clearly visible, unobstructed and appropriately indicated?	✓			
	Have members been informed of safety procedures, including where to congregate in the event of a fire alarm?	✓			Mentioned at the start of meetings
	Is there a working smoke alarm?	✓			
	Is there a working carbon monoxide alarm?	✓			
	Are all smoke and fire stop doors kept closed when not in use, and never wedged open (except doors on magnetic catches linked to the fire alarm system)?	✓			
	Are appropriate procedures in place to assist disabled members who may be present during a fire evacuation?			✓	
Equipment					
	Do you have a lockable and secure area to store u3a equipment, if applicable?			✓	
Wellbeing					
	Are refreshments available to members? (e.g., water, tea)		✓		Members bring their own refreshments
	Is there a first aid box that is checked regularly and has been stocked?	✓			Scout hut has one available





Other identified risks:	What will you do to mitigate these risks?
Members health	Members are advised to just do as much dancing as they feel able and to sit out if they need a rest. Regular rest breaks are given for the whole group.

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