



VENUE-BASED RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

u3a Name: Bracknell Forest u3a	Date: 10.3.24
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Interest Group: Spanish Conversation	
Description of Activity: Spanish conversation group meeting at the Open Learning Centre, Bracknell	

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?	Y			
	Are floor surfaces in good condition to prevent slips, trips, and falls?	Y			
	Are all walkways kept clear and free from obstruction?	Y			
	Are there enough seats for all members in attendance?	Y			
	Has a register of members in attendance been taken for fire safety reasons?	Y			
Electrical	Have you made sure there are no trailing leads or cables?	Y			





	Is the use of socket adapters (e.g., extension leads) per socket kept to an absolute minimum to prevent overloading?	Y			
	Have all cables been inspected to ensure they are intact and safe for use?			n/a	
	If the venue requires PAT testing, has equipment been PAT tested?			n/a	
Fire Safety	Are all fire exit and escape routes, fire alarm points and fire-fighting equipment clearly visible, unobstructed and appropriately indicated?	Y			
	Have members been informed of safety procedures, including where to congregate in the event of a fire alarm?				This will be explained to members at the first meeting and to all new members of the group
	Is there a working smoke alarm?	Y			
	Is there a working carbon monoxide alarm?			n/a	
	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)?	Y			
	Are appropriate procedures in place to assist disabled members who may be present during a fire evacuation?	Y			There is a refuge area on the first floor of the building, this is at the top of the stairs near the kitchen next to the lifts. It is a safe area for people who are less mobile who cannot get down the stairs when the lifts are inoperative. A yellow alarm button is fitted on the wall of the refuge area to inform rescuers that there are people in the refuge area
Equipment	Do you have a lockable and secure area to store u3a equipment, if applicable?			n/a	
Wellbeing	Are refreshments available to members? (e.g., water, tea)	Y			





	Is there a first aid box that is checked regularly and has been stocked?	Y		First Aid Box available in OLC reception. Contact will be made with OLC staff in the event of an accident
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Other identified risks:	What will you do to mitigate these risks?

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