

# RYDE CARNIVAL

## RISK ASSESSMENT FOR FORM UP, PARADE AND DISPERSAL

The Purpose of this document is to assess any risk to persons during Ryde Carnival parades, be they participants, volunteer staff, or spectators.

Description of Hazards	Existing Controls	RISK			Control Actions	Residual Risk		
		Severity	Likelihood	Risk		Severity	Likelihood	Risk
<b>SLIPS, TRIPS &amp; FALLS</b>								
Participants falling from floats.	Entry rules require floats where people stand, dance etc to be fitted with safety railings or tethers.	3	2	M	Visual inspection upon arrival of all floats by designated safety officer. Provision of marshals for each float provided by entering team. Vigilance by stewards to ensure continuing safe practice during parade. St John Ambulance crew in attendance from assembly to dispersal to deal with any injuries that do arise.	3	2	M
<b>ENTANGLEMENT</b>								
Spectators becoming entangled in moving floats.	Stewards in high viz placed at pinch points and most popular spectator areas to deter crowding.	3	2	M	Marshals with each float to guard wheels and tow hitches.	3	1	T
<b>CRUSHING</b>								
Walking entrants at risk of being struck by following motorised entry.	Drivers of floats are required to maintain a minimum 5 metre gap, to be extended on hills.	3	2	M	Stewards to remain vigilant and warn drivers if the 5m separation is not being observed. Marshals to co-operate with drivers to ensure safety.	3	1	T
Spectators at risk of being struck by moving vehicles.	Stewards in high viz placed at pinch points and most popular spectator areas to deter crowding.	3	2	M	Drivers and marshals to be particularly vigilant when passing through crowded areas. Stewards will intervene to move crowds as necessary. Entry rules prohibit the participation of over-large vehicles considered unable to safely negotiate route.	2	1	T

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<b>WORKING at HEIGHT</b>								
Float crews and participants falling from floats whilst assembling.	Entrants are required to carry out their own risk assessments and ensure safe working practices.	3	2	M	At least one occurrence historically where a carnival queen, through tiredness, missed her footing when disembarking. Float crews to remain particularly attentive to this process at the conclusion of the procession.	3	1	T
<b>MANUAL HANDLING</b>								
Volunteers at potential risk from putting out, setting out, gathering in road closure signs & equipment.	So far as possible this is now subcontracted to professional traffic management operatives.	2	1	L	No further action required at this time.	1	1	L
<b>EJECTION OF ITEMS or FLUIDS</b>								
Possibility of water being squirted into the crowd or at participants.	Existing entry rules prohibit the use of water pistols etc on floats or by pedestrian entrants. Carnival Programme urges spectators not to squirt fluids.	1	2	L	Stewards to remain vigilant in ensuring that spectators do not transgress, intervening and advising if necessary.	1	2	L
Potential for injury if coins thrown at the floats.	Carnival Programme urges spectators not to throw coins.	2	2	T	Ample walking collectors alongside floats ensuring that spectators can contribute without jeopardising safety.	2	1	L
<b>CHEMICALS, POWDERS or LIQUIDS</b>								
Possibility of spillages when refuelling generators	Entry form identifies the hazard and offers guidance	4	2	M	Participants made aware of the risk involved in refuelling a hot or running petrol generator, the importance of containing and cleaning up of any spillage and safe disposal of materials used in doing so, and desirability of carrying no more spare fuel than required for immediate use.	4	1	T

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Possibility of spillages when refuelling generators	Entry form identifies the hazard and offers guidance	4	2	M	Participants encouraged to consider the possibility of using non-petrol powered generators, such as liquefied gas, diesel, photovoltaic, or low-voltage inverters.	4	1	T
<b>NOISE</b>								
Risk of hearing damage owing to high levels of noise associated with Carnival floats	Performers urged to consider use of ear protectors.	3	3	S	Carnival Programme warning to spectators to consider use of ear protection. Disposable ear protection available to all Carnival Association volunteer staff and participants.	3	1	T
<b>MAJOR INCIDENT</b> A major event requiring part or all of the procession to move from a point or points of danger.	Stewards and Marshals briefing with codeword for Major Incident. Safety guidelines on website, tick box on entry form to denote required reading.	4	1	T	Consider government notified security threat level. Current level is 'severe'. If this should change to 'critical' before the day of the event, consult with emergency services re advisability of cancelation.	4	1	T

Risk Scores are judged according to the following criteria:

<b>SEVERITY</b>	
HIGH = 4	Death or permanent severe capacity, eg loss of limb, eyesight, disabling respiratory disease.
MODERATE = 3	Absence from work for more than 14 days, eg Broken limb, fingers, ankle, where full recovery is expected; or minor health problem.
LOW = 2	Absence from work of 1 to 14 days with full recovery.
NEGLIGIBLE = 1	Minor injury requiring only on-site first aid and no lost time.
<b>LIKELIHOOD</b>	
Very Likely = 4	Hazard permanently present and / or has >80% chance of causing harm or damage.
Likely = 3	Hazard arises once per hour or once during the event, or has >50% chance of causing harm or damage.
Unlikely = 2	Hazard unlikely to arise during the event, or has >10% chance of causing harm or damage.
Very Unlikely = 1	Hazard unlikely to arise during the event, or has <10% chance of causing harm or damage.
<b>RISK</b>	
Substantial = 9 – 16	Action must be taken to reduce the risk to a lower category, at least Moderate but ideally Tolerable or Low
Moderate = 6 - 8	Action must be taken to reduce the risk to a lower category if possible, preferably Tolerable or Low
Tolerable = 3 - 4	No additional controls required unless they represent an insignificant financial cost
Low = 1 - 2	No further action required.