

1st Class Brass Risk Assessment – Applies to all rehearsals, engagements and functions

Hazards Identified	Persons at Risk	Risk	Measures Required to Control the Risk
Injuries from carrying heavy / large equipment to or from venue.	Band members carrying equipment. Supporters of the band (SOB) Members of public (MOP)	Medium	Use appropriate strategies for moving and handling heavy and large equipment e.g. assistance from a 2nd person. Appropriate equipment such as trolleys and wheeled cases to be used to move equipment safely where possible.
Traffic / crossing roads on way to or from the venue.	Band members and conductor crossing roads / in car parks whilst carrying large equipment which may impair visibility. Vulnerable band members i.e. elderly, disabled or under 18's.	Medium	All band members to be mindful of road safety and to be aware of limited visibility when carrying large equipment across roads to or from venues and in poor visibility such as engagements at night and in dark conditions. Under 18's to be supervised appropriately around roads / car parks or other areas where traffic may cause a hazard.
Injuries from manual handling of chairs / setting out of chairs. Injuries from stacking of chairs.	Band members Conductor SOB	Low	Move chairs in a sensible manner and a reasonable number at a time, using a wheeled trolley where applicable. Stack chairs no more than 4 high or as appropriate to the venue.
Trip hazards such as music stand legs, equipment cases.	Band members, especially vulnerable band members i.e. elderly, disabled or under 18's. Conductor SOB MOP	Low	Stands to be erected properly and placed appropriately to allow safe walkway for band members. Equipment cases to be securely and safely stowed away maintaining clear walkways / fire exits.
Loud noise.	Band members Conductor SOB MOP	Low	Band members to be arranged an appropriate distance from the bell ends of other instruments as per approved band formation / layout. Conductor to wear ear protection as appropriate. Audience to be positioned at least 1m away from the band.
Stranger danger / safeguarding. Vulnerable members become separated from the group.	Band members (particularly under 18's and vulnerable adults). MOP	Low	Vulnerable band members to be appropriately supervised by DBS checked staff. Band members to adhere to band safeguarding policy and not place selves at risk by being alone with any vulnerable member of the band or member of public such as under 18's.
Sudden / serious illness such as heart attacks, stroke, severe reaction to bee stings etc.	Band members, Conductor, SOB and MOP (particularly elderly / vulnerable persons).	Low	At least 1 First Aider to be present at all events. A mobile phone must be available to contact emergency services / parents, carers or family of members Emergency contact details to be available for all band members.

Inclement weather on outdoor engagements resulting in illness or injury – frostbite, hypothermia, sunburn, heat stroke etc.	Band members, especially vulnerable band members i.e. elderly, disabled or under 18's. Conductor SOB	Low	Appropriate uniform to be worn for the weather such as thermal jackets / hats/ gloves / hood in the cold / wet. Band polo shirts in the summer/ for hot jobs. Sun protection such as sunglasses and sun cream to be worn where applicable, i.e. hot /sunny days on outdoor engagements, this is the responsibility of individuals. Plenty of fluid to be taken during hot weather. Cover / shelter for outside engagements to be sought such as marquee / bandstand where applicable to protect members from the weather.
Trips / slips when climbing stairs / steps to stage areas or getting to and from their seats.	Band members with limited visibility due to instruments / music obscuring vision. Vulnerable band members i.e. elderly, disabled or under 18's. Conductor.	Medium	Appropriate footwear to be worn for the weather conditions i.e. decent grips in frosty weather. Band members to hold onto handrails where possible and avoid carrying large heavy equipment up stairs without assistance.
Drowning in lakes / ponds / rivers / canals / reservoirs / the sea etc near or at engagement venues.	Band members (particularly under 18's and vulnerable adults.) SOB	Low	Band members to take reasonable precautions to avoid areas of water and to appropriately supervise vulnerable band members around expanses of water.
Fire at venue. Emergency evacuation situation.	Band Members Conductor SOB MOP	Low	Band members to take reasonable precautions to prevent sources of ignition i.e. not covering heaters with equipment, not smoking inside indoor venues, extinguishing any outdoor cigarettes appropriately. Band members to take note of fire exits and emergency evacuation procedures as explained by the venue / organiser. Vulnerable band members such as under 18's and the elderly or infirm may need supervision / assistance in the event of an evacuation. In the event of an emergency situation all personnel to be accounted for by using the register of band attendees. At no time should band members risk their lives: evacuate immediately and call the emergency services.

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