

# Risk Assessment Activity – Circus Skills

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**Overview:** This is a chance to learn new skills. Circus skills usually take place inside or within a contained area. The instructors who are leading the sessions will be in-house trained. Preferred Staff to Client ratio 1:12 with a maximum of 1:16. All instructors are first aid trained and emergency procedures are in place in case of a major accident.

Hazards	Groups of People at Risk from the Hazards Identified	Probability	Control Measures – Reduces the severity and lowers the probability to acceptable levels
		Severity	
Sharp Objects	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Unlikely	Bimonthly safety checks of equipment are carried out. The instructor gives the group a brief on rules and safe use of equipment and supervises the session.
		Minor	
		Low	
Slips, trips and falls	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Likely	Maintenance of the site is done by the activities team and maintenance team. Instructors visually check the area upon arrival. General brief and group management is provided by instructors to ensure activities are run safely.
		Minor	
		Medium	
Incorrect use of equipment	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Likely	The group briefed on correct use of equipment and supervised throughout the session by instructors. Equipment packed away at the end of the session.
		Minor	
		Medium	
Fire	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Very unlikely	Fire alarms and procedures are in place and staff are trained to carry out procedures.
		Major	
		Medium	