

Health and Safety for Club and Society Events

All clubs and societies must complete a Health and Safety Risk Assessment form for every inperson event. Any questions please contact engage@bpp.com

Risk assessments are legally required documents, that assist in the acknowledgement and mitigation of risks involved in a given activity. The assessment of risk is simply a careful examination of what material risks could cause harm to people. Risk assessments need to be 'suitable and sufficient' so think about risks in terms of severity and likelihood.

Imagine jumping out of a plane

Initially, this is a very risky activity. Without thinking about the possible hazards (e.g. falling from a great height) and who might be involved (the sky-diver or the family happily picnicking in the field below her), it's hard to work out how this ever could be seen as a good idea. A good risk assessment will put in place recommendations that will reduce the likelihood of harm. It will probably introduce a parachute -- and a reserve parachute in case that one fails. It will move the activity away from any built-up areas (or picnic spots) and will identify the health checks and training needs that should be conducted before anyone leaps into the sky. Given the risk level of the activity, the document will be quite long and detailed. It will be suitable and sufficient for the activity involved.

While it is unlikely we will ever be told to jump out of a plane during the course of our work, the above Regulations require BPP to maintain risk assessments that are proportionate to the health and safety risks faced by employees and any other persons that may be affected by our work activities.

From climbing a ladder to sitting down for long periods, everything we do comes with risk. Through risk assessment, the most important tool in the Health and Safety arsenal, we can bring risk down to an acceptable level.

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Please scroll for an example form









