

Risk Assessment	Live 9 Events Ltd
Activity	Side Stall Games This risk assessment applies to side stall and fairground-style games including, but not limited to, coconut shy, tin can alley, hook a duck, splat the rat, cork shooting, darts, high striker and similar equipment.

Assessor	Molly Huthwaite	Location of Assessment	NG12 3UL
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Risk Rating Matrix (RR)	Likelihood (L)		
Severity (S)	Certain or near certain to occur (High)	Reasonably likely to occur (Medium)	Unlikely to occur (Low)
Fatality; major injury or illness causing long term disability (High)	HIGH (H)	HIGH (H)	MEDIUM (M)
Injury or illness causing short term disability (Medium)	HIGH (H)	MEDIUM (M)	LOW (L)
Other Injury or illness (Low)	MEDIUM (M)	LOW (L)	LOW (L)

Hazards	Who is at risk?	Controls in place	L	S	RR
Loading, handling and transportation of equipment (Injuries caused by: heavy lifting, unacceptable access)	- Customers - Public - Employees/Staff	- All equipment must be handled correctly in line with manual handling. Only our staff should move the equipment. Manual handling should be reduced to a minimum by using the trolleys. - Ramps & lifts to be used where required and available. - All loads must be properly secured. - Where required, multiple persons must handle equipment. Individuals should not undertake anything that puts themselves or anyone else at risk. - Manual handling training is supplied to all staff annually. Under no circumstances shall anyone but our staff transport equipment.	L	L	Low
Installation of equipment on site (Injury caused by: debris, tripping over equipment, related injury)	- Customers - Public - Employees/Staff	- The operator must have clear access to the setup area. The setup area must be level and free from any rubbish, debris and sharp objects, etc. The equipment must be inspected before, during and after installation to ensure it is free from damage. - Once installed, the item should not be moved by any unauthorised persons. The equipment should be set up away from any entrances or exits, ensuring it does not block any fire exits. - Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for setup and break down.	L	L	Low

		Any spare equipment must be tidied away and put in a safe place.			
Operation of equipment on site (Injuries caused by: overcrowding of the area, lack of supervision, not following operating rules)	- Customers - Public - Employees/Staff	- Side stall games are operated and supervised by trained staff at all times. - The high striker may be used without staff supervision and must be supervised by the hirer or a responsible adult. - Participants must follow all instructions provided and use the equipment in a safe and controlled manner. - A clear queue system must be maintained. - Participants must not overcrowd the area and must keep a clear space around the equipment. - Spectators must remain clear of the play area and must not interfere with the equipment.	L	L	Low
Injury through incorrect set up (Injury caused by: positioning)	- Customers - Public - Employees/Staff	- Equipment to be set up by trained staff only. - A final visual check is carried out after installation.	L	L	Low
Overcrowding	- Customers - Public	- Do not allow more users than recommended by the manufacturer. - Clear space maintained around each game. Queue system used where required.	L	L	Low
Injury through equipment defect (Injuries caused by: equipment integrity)	- Customers - Public - Employees/Staff	All equipment has a visual inspection on set up and pack down, any dangerous defects are reported to the operator and equipment is taken out of action until required remedial works have been carried out.	L	M	Low
Slips, Trips & Falls (Injuries caused by game pieces)	- Customers - Public - Employees/Staff	- Stalls positioned away from walkways. - Loose items (balls, darts, rings) collected regularly. - Play paused where required to retrieve items safely. - Area kept tidy.	L	L	Low
Impact from thrown or moving objects (bean bags, balls, rings, coconuts)	- Customers - Public	- Participants instructed to throw only toward targets. - Only appropriate equipment (balls, beanbags, corks, darts etc.) to be used. - Spectators kept clear of play area.	L	M	Low
Water hazards (Hook a Duck)	- Customers - Public	- Water trays kept shallow and supervised. - Spillages cleared promptly to prevent slips.	L	M	Low
Equipment misuse (climbing, throwing items improperly)	- Customers - Public	- Equipment must only be used as intended. - No throwing at people or outside designated targets. - Unsafe behaviour results in removal from the activity.	L	M	Low
Eye / face safety (important for)	- Customers - Public	Participants must not aim towards people.	L	M	Low

darts & cork shooting)		• Safe distance maintained between participants and targets. • Equipment designed for safe, low-impact use.			
Impact from striking equipment (High Striker)	• Customers • Public	• Participants must strike only the designated target area using the provided mallet. • Only one participant permitted to use the high striker at a time. • Spectators must remain clear of the striking area. • Mallet must not be swung outside of the intended use.	L	M	Low
Rebound or loss of control (High Striker)	• Customers • Public	• Participants must maintain control of the mallet at all times. • Equipment must be stable and positioned on level ground. • Activity stopped if unsafe use is observed.	L	M	Low
Equipment failure (mallet head / handle)	• Customers • Public	• Mallet and striking equipment must be inspected before use for any signs of damage or wear. • Damaged or defective equipment must be removed from use immediately. • Participants must use the mallet in a controlled manner and only strike the designated target. • Spectators must remain clear of the striking area at all times.	L	M	Low
Unsupervised use	• Customers • Public	• The high striker must be supervised by the hirer or a responsible adult when not operated by our staff.	L	H	Medium

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