



Taunton Deane Borough Council & West Somerset Council Safety Advisory Group

Constitution and helpful information

Part 1: Introduction

In his report into the Hillsborough Stadium Disaster, Lord Justice Taylor recommended that local authorities (local councils) should set up Safety Advisory Groups (SAGs), to assist them in exercising their functions under the Safety of Sports Grounds legislation.

Whilst there have been no similar major disasters at musical events within the UK, there have been notable crowd-related incidents and SAGs, although not recognised in legislation, have become widely accepted as being a best practice approach to improving safety at events and gatherings of large crowds, across the board.

It is for the above reason that the shared services of Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC) and West Somerset Council (WSC) has established its own SAG (here in referred to as 'the SAG'). This document has been written and developed in order to provide a single point of reference to SAG members and event organisers alike.

The SAG is made up of core members from both the district council and county council, the police, the fire and rescue service and the ambulance service. It's primary role is to promote and encourage high standards of public safety and wellbeing at events held in the area and does this by providing event organisers with appropriate advice, sign-posting and guidance at regular meetings.

This document has been written and developed having had regard to 'The UK Good Practice Guide to Working in Safety Advisory Groups' published by the Emergency Planning College, January 2015.

Part 2: Terms of reference

Aims/objectives

The SAG has been established in order to achieve the following aims:

- To promote the clarity of roles and responsibilities relevant to the event(s) within the SAG's remit;
- To advise the local authority and/or event organiser in order to ensure high standards of health and safety;
- To promote the principals of sensible risk management and good practice in safety and welfare planning;
- To promote a consistent, coordinated, multi-agency approach to event planning and management;
- To advise the local authority and/or event organiser in respect of the formulation of appropriate contingency and emergency arrangements;
- To provide the local authority and/or event organiser with appropriate advice, sign-posting and guidance in order to assist with the delivery of a safe event;
- To encourage arrangements to be made to minimise disruption to local communities;
- To consider the implications of significant incidents and events relevant to their venue(s) and events;
- To consider the implications of significant incidents and events relevant to the surrounding areas and facilities;
- To receive and consider reports relevant to debriefs, visits and/or inspections of the venue or event.

The SAG will operate in the following ways:

- Offer advice in order to ensure the highest possible standards of public safety at events and to encourage the wellbeing of those who could be affected by such events. In this context, the 'public' includes not only those attending the event, but also those in the surrounding areas who may be affected by it;
- The SAG is not responsible for reviewing safe systems of work of the event organisation or crew. However, it will be relevant to consider the consequences of work-related incidents during periods of public access;
- The SAG does not make any decisions on behalf of the local authority or other agencies as its role is advisory and as such it has no authority to either approve or ban events;

- The decision-making authority is typically the local authority, which may be the chair of the SAG. Where other agencies may exercise their own statutory decision-making authority it is stressed that this is the determination of that authority and not the SAG;
- The overall responsibility for the safety of persons at an event will lie with the event organiser, venue owner or operator and management team;
- Members of the SAG must declare any material conflict of interest in relation to any matters put before the group before any discussion on that matter. Should this conflict of interest be considered prejudicial, that person should consider withdrawing, to be replaced by an appropriate party agreed with the group;
- The SAG will have arrangements to ensure that appropriate records of procedures and meetings are maintained;
- The lessons learned via the SAG processes and procedures will be applied for the benefit of all events within its area of responsibility.

Chairmanship

Chair of the SAG and therefore any SAG meetings is the Internal Health & Safety Manager for TDBC & WSC.

Deputy Chairs of the SAG are Environmental Health Manager for TDBC & WSC and Licensing Manager for TDBC & WSC. Both represent authorities that are members of the SAG and either will chair meetings of the SAG or correspond on behalf of the SAG in the absence of the Internal Health & Safety Manager.

A SAG meeting may also be chaired by a recognised chair from another Somerset local authority SAG, if there are any conflicts of interest, preventing the above named persons acting as the chair at a meeting.

The SAG meetings will be chaired in such a way as to:

- Ensure that the group discharges its responsibilities fairly, effectively, efficiently and proportionately;
- Ensure that, where practicable, appropriate representation on the group;
- Ensuring that all members have the opportunity to participate;
- Ensuring that an audit trail of group processes is maintained.

Members

The following authorities/organisations are members of the SAG (in no particular order):

Authority/organisation:	Has responsibility for:	Contact details:
TDBC and WSC	Organisation and administration of the SAG	SAG@tauntondeane.gov.uk

TDBC & WSC Licensing Authority	Regulation of alcohol, entertainment, late night refreshment, street trading, charitable collections, adult entertainment, skin piercing, taxis and private hire vehicles.	licensing@tauntondeane.gov.uk 01823 356343
TDBC & WSC Environmental Health	Health & safety, food safety, private water supplies and preventing public nuisance (inc. noise, odour, light).	food.safety@tauntondeane.gov.uk 01823 356339
TDBC & WSC Carparks and Emergency Planning	Managing council owned carparks and civil contingencies.	parkingservices@westsomerset.gov.uk or parkingoffice@tauntondeane.gov.uk 01823 356455
TDBC Direct Labour Organisation (DLO)	Street cleansing and public open spaces management.	j.galicia@tauntondeane.gov.uk
Somerset Building Control Partnership	Building Regulation applications, dangerous structures and demolition works.	nigel.hunt@sedgemoor.gov.uk
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	Public order, incident and emergency response, crime investigation and reduction, community policing.	LocalPolicingSupportSomerset@avonandsomerset.police.uk
Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue	Incident and emergency response and enforcement of fire safety legislation.	somersetwestprotection@dsfire.gov.uk and admintaunton@dsfire.gov.uk
South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWAST)	Incident and emergency response.	Tori.lack@swast.nhs.uk and wayne.darch@swast.nhs.uk
Devon & Somerset Trading Standards	Weights and measures, age restricted products, community safety, animal movement.	tradingstandards-mailbox@devon.gov.uk
Somerset County Council Highways Authority	Maintain the highway network, ensuring it is safe and can be used by the public without obstruction. Secure and facilitate the movement of traffic along the road network of the authority and that of other traffic authorities. Contribute to securing the more efficient use of the road network and/or avoidance, elimination or reduction of road congestion or other disruption to the movement of traffic.	trafficmanagement@somerset.gov.uk

Each of the above named authorities/organisations will supply a competent (based on knowledge, experience and training) representative for SAG meetings or where they are unable to attend, a suitably experienced or briefed deputy.

Members will aim to avoid sending multiple representatives to meetings, except where there are legitimate needs e.g. a training opportunity.

The SAG may agree to invite other authorities/organisations to attend a meeting or comment on a particular matter that is being considered, as appropriate.

Format of meetings

Other than the SAG members and guests, as described above, attendance at meetings by event organisers will be by request or invitation.

The meeting will principally comprise of two elements; a discussion between members only followed by a discussion with invited event organisers.

A formal agenda, a standard format for which is shown below at **Appendix A**, will be agreed and circulated 2 weeks in advance of a meeting, along with the relevant event documentation.

Formal minutes will be taken by a TDBC & WSC member of staff and be circulated amongst members and invited persons, subsequently.

Frequency of meetings

The SAG will meet on a monthly basis, with meetings to be generally held on the second Tuesday of each month, at the TDBC offices on Belvedere Road, Taunton, TA1 1HE.

Referring events to the SAG

In deciding whether an event or activity needs to be referred to the SAG, the following factors will be considered:

- The nature of the event;
- Levels of risk within the event;
- Numbers of attendees (at any one time).

An event or activity may be referred to a full SAG meeting or it may be documents are circulated via email or file transfer sites so that members can review the information and individually feed back any concerns, advice etc via the SAG chair or direct to the organiser.

To assist the SAG in making this judgement, an event organiser should complete the event notification form attached at **Appendix B** and send it to SAG@tauntondeane.gov.uk having had particular regard to the proceeding section of this document.

Timescales for submission of documents

In order for the SAG to be able to fully consider an event and/or EMP, an event organiser must contact the SAG via SAG@tauntondeane.gov.uk well in advance of the event and any documentation no later than 2 weeks before a SAG meeting.

It is recommended that organisers aim to give the SAG 3 months' notice for small events (up to 500 people and/or those of lower risk) and six to nine months' notice for larger events (over 500 people and those of higher risk).

Additional notice periods need also be considered where an organiser may need to apply for a licence, road closure etc.

Review of terms of reference

The terms of reference will be reviewed by the SAG annually in January.

Part 3: Guidance and information for event organisers

Event organiser responsibilities

Acting as an event organiser is a huge responsibility. A person who occupies or is in control of a premises; be that a building or open space; has a legal duty to take reasonable steps to ensure that people that enter are kept reasonably safe. Employers and the self-employed also have a legal duty to keep workers safe, as well as a duty to keep volunteers and spectators safe from work activities.

As an event organiser, you must appoint someone competent to help you meet your health and safety duties, including writing the event management plan and health and safety risk assessments, for which there is further advice below. A competent person is someone with the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to manage health and safety. You could appoint (one or a combination of):

- yourself;
- one or more of your workers;
- an external person e.g. a consultant.

Whoever you choose will need to have a knowledge and understanding of your proposed event, the health and safety hazards involved and have the ability to adopt and develop safe systems of working.

Event Management Plan

Every event should have a written event management plan (EMP), which contains full organisational and safety arrangements, including a description of the event full details of all plans, policies, risk assessments and copies of insurance certificates.

The size of a EMP can depend on the numbers of people attending, site being used and nature of the entertainment or activities being provided.

It is important that those involved with the event are familiar with and understand the areas of the EMP that are relevant to their individual role and responsibilities and this may mean they should have read and understood the whole document.

Where accidents and emergencies occur, particularly causing people to be hurt or worse still, lose their lives, event organisers will be expected to provide documented plans and risk assessments to show that they did all the reasonably could to keep people safe. If something is not documented, it cannot necessarily be evidenced.

Attached at **Appendix C** is a basic template which gives examples of different areas an EMP might cover. This is not a complete list and clearly, not all areas will be relevant to every event but this should act as a starting point.

Risk assessment

A risk assessment is a record of a thought process about what might cause harm to people and the identifying of reasonable steps to prevent that harm. It is not, as many believe, about creating huge amounts of paperwork, but rather about identifying sensible measures to control risks.

More helpful information about risk assessments in general, including a risk assessment template can be found on the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) website:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/risk/controlling-risks.htm>

Specific event risk assessment guidance can be found in the 'Guide to Health, Safety and Welfare at Music and Other Events', also known as the 'Purple Guide', further details of which can be found below.

Applications to use Council-Owned Land

Certain Council owned parks and open spaces are available to be hired for events such as sponsored walks, concerts, shows, exhibitions, sports events or community days.

To find out more, contact the Open Spaces department on 01823 356364 or email parks@tauntondeane.gov.uk.

Helpful guidance and resources

Title	Subject	Cost	Available from
Guide to Health, Safety and Welfare at Music and Other Events AKA the 'Purple Guide'	This guide is endorsed by the SAG and is widely accepted as being the best place to find comprehensive guidance on various aspects of event safety. The guide evolves as certain areas are developed over time and is only available online.	£25 annual subscription fee	http://www.thepurpleguide.co.uk/
Guide to safety at Sports Grounds AKA the 'Green Guide'	This document provides guidance on the numbers of spectators that can be safely accommodated in sports grounds.	Free	http://www.safetyatsportsgrounds.org.uk/publications/green-guide
Alternate Uses of Sports Grounds AKA the 'Orange Guide'	This document provides guidance on using sports grounds for a variety of events.	£30	http://safetyatsportsgrounds.org.uk/publications/alternative-uses

Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) National Guidance for Outdoor and Mobile Catering	These guidance notes aim to provide a basis for a commonly agreed and consistent national standard in outdoor catering management. They seek to define acceptable food safety standards and health and safety requirements for catering at outdoor events.	Free	http://www.cieh.org/policy/guidance_outdoor_mobile_catering.html
The Provision of Temporary Drinking Water Supplies at Events	A guide to using temporary drinking water supplies at events, whether using public water supplies, private water supplies or tankers.	Free	http://www.tauntondevon.gov.uk/irj/go/km/docs/CouncilImages/TDBC/Images/Environmental%20Health/Temp%20Event%20Water%20Supplies%20Version3.pdf
CIEH Code of Practice on Environmental Noise Control at Concerts	Guidance on reducing the risk of nuisance.	Free	http://www.cieh.org/uploadedFiles/Core/Policy/Environmental_protection/Noise/Noise_CouncilCodeonNoise_ControlatConcerts.pdf
HSE Guidance on running events safely	General guidance around safety at events, aimed at event organisers but with some helpful information for contractors, workers and volunteers.	Free	http://www.hse.gov.uk/event-safety/
Organising Firework Displays	Guidance on firework displays.	Free	http://www.hse.gov.uk/explosives/fireworks/using.htm

Appendix A – standard SAG agenda

1. Welcome and introductions between members only;
2. Review of documentation submitted by members only;
3. Event organiser invited to introduce their event;
4. Comments on event from members;
5. Horizon scanning of future events between members only.

Appendix B – SAG event notification form

SAG event notification form

Please complete and send this form to sag@tauntondeane.gov.uk which will enable the members of the SAG to determine the appropriate format for giving you advice.

Name of event:			
Type of event: <i>e.g. music festival</i>			
Start date and time:		End date and finish time:	
Is this a new event? <i>Please tick</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Event organisers address:			
Event organisers phone number(s):			
Event organisers email address:			
Location/address of event (use grid ref. if necessary) and enclose plan/map if possible:			
Please explain, what (if any), publicity the event has had:			

Total number of anticipated attendees, inc. visitors, spectators, participants etc.			
Is this a free event?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Describe your target audience:			
Does the event involve any of the following 'licensable activities'?			
Sale/supply of alcohol:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Live or recorded music:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Exhibition of a film/films:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Performance of a play:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Performances of dance:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Boxing or wrestling:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Late night refreshment (being the supply of hot food or drink between the hours of 23:00 and 05:00 the following morning:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If the event involves any of the above licensable activities, have you applied for a premises licence or temporary event notice?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Does the event or any part of it take place on the highway?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If the event (or part of it) does take place on the highway, have you applied for a road closure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Is the event likely to result in a significant increase in the volume of traffic from visitors to the event?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Will be car parking be provided?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If there will be car parking, please provide details: e.g. numbers/types of vehicles expected			
Will the event include any of the following?		Do you intend to undertake an appropriate risk assessment?	
Temporary grandstands or structures including marquees or tents:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Temporary electrical or gas supply:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Fairground equipment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Use of pyrotechnics, fireworks or special effects:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Provision of food and/or refreshments:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Areas for camping and/or caravanning/live-in vehicles:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have arrangements been made for any of the following?		
First aid:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Communications e.g. two way radio:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Firefighting equipment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Signage for access routes/car parking:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Provision of stewards/marshals:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Provision of door supervisors/security:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Refuse and litter control:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Welfare facilities e.g. toilets, drinking water:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Dealing with lost children:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Access/egress for emergency vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Has an event management plan been prepared? <i>For further guidance, refer to:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The event management plan writing guide at Appendix C of this document; and</i> • <i>The various guides and reference material mentioned on page 8 of this document, notably the 'Purple Guide'.</i> 		

Appendix C – Event Management Plan Guide

The following prompts/headings are designed to guide an event organiser in the planning of their event and writing of a comprehensive event management plan (EMP). It is by no means a complete list; it is designed to highlight key areas of event planning and it is recommended that this be read alongside the Guide to Health, Safety and Welfare at Music and Other Events AKA the 'Purple Guide' (details of which can be found earlier on page 6), which provides more detailed guidance.

The Event	An EMP should begin with a brief description/summary of the event, including the name the event is being given and whether it is intended to be ticketed or free or free to ticketed individuals.
Date and times	Clearly set out when the event will take place i.e. when it is open to the public but also when the location is to be used for preparation and break down/tidying up after.
Event Organiser(s)	The name and day time/evening contact details of the organiser, including any mobile phone numbers and/or email addresses, should be clearly identified. If there is to be a delegation of roles/responsibilities to various individuals, this should be made clear and their contact details must be included too.
Type of activity/entertainment	Explain all the activities planned for the event e.g. music, fireworks, specific type of sporting event. You must explain these in some detail as the type of entertainment can increase the risk of harm to event goers, for example; where there is to be music, explain which bands/artists have been/are intended to be booked and the style of music, as this will determine the type of audience the event will attract.

<p>Target Audience</p>	<p>Be specific about who the event is aimed at and who it is likely to attract. This is interlinked with the type of activity/entertainment that is being provided.</p> <p>What is their age and gender? Will you be hoping to attract families, teenagers, under 25's, retired people? Will there be a mainly female audience or will it be mixed?</p> <p>Knowing your audience will help you to then plan other areas of the event, such as welfare and procedure for lost children.</p> <p>It is also sensible to explain what behaviour are you expecting from your audience and how will you control it. Have any lessons been learnt from a previous event if so, what changes are being made to ensure the behaviour of the audience can be managed? Audience behaviour may lead into other areas of your event planning, particularly if alcohol is to be sold or there is a likelihood of drugs being present.</p>
<p>Event location</p>	<p>Explain the location of the event and provide detailed maps of a suitable scale and size.</p> <p>You should consider, but not exclusively, the ground type, how level the surface is, any natural or unnatural physical features, whether the land is prone to flooding or being waterlogged in heavy rain.</p> <p>Also consider the proximity of the location to any roads, railways, coastline, rivers, trees, overhead cables etc. and the additional risks posed.</p>
<p>Maximum capacity permitted on site</p>	<p>Consider and explain what the size of each area within your event site is and how many people to expect to be able to accommodate, including any calculations you have made.</p> <p>Has adequate space been allocated for standing/seated spectators? Is there adequate camping and car parking? What open space is to be taken up by structures like stages, or by traders?</p>
<p>Admission of young children</p>	<p>Consider and explain how you will approach the potential for unaccompanied young people to attend your event.</p> <p>Do you have clear age limits? Are there areas which are age restricted and if so, how is this managed?</p> <p>If there are to be children at your event, it is essential to have a procedure in place for responding to children who have lost their parents and vice versa. This could include the designation of a 'lost child point'.</p>

<p>Pass outs & Re-entry</p>	<p>Explain if you will allow event goers to leave the event site and re-enter at a later time/date and if so, how this will be managed.</p>
<p>Temporary structures</p>	<p>Describe any temporary structures which you intend to use, such as seating, tents/marquees or staging. Explain where they are to be located, who is responsible for their construction and signing off as being safe.</p> <p>Ensure you allow adequate time for any temporary structures to be safely delivered and constructed prior to the event, then deconstructed and taken away after the event.</p> <p>Only employ competent, fully insured contractors and include their insurance within you EMP.</p>
<p>Traffic management</p>	<p>A traffic management plan (TMP) is an essential part of an EMP. An organiser should address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how people will travel safely to and from the event; • the likely impact on public transport; • the likely impact on the road network; • car parking arrangements (and contingencies, should carparks become unusable due to weather etc); • any road closure orders applied for; • if additional road signage is required; • access for emergency service vehicles and so forth. • pedestrian movement to/from the event and within the event site.
<p>Noise</p>	<p>You should consider how noise from the event will impact on those that live nearby and take appropriate steps to protect employees, workers and volunteers from harm caused by loud noise.</p> <p>To minimise the risk of noise, such as loud music, causing a nuisance to those that live nearby, consider how close the source of the sound is to residential properties, the location and whether it is normally peaceful, the type of noise (especially type of music), the duration of the noise and the effect which wind might have on carrying sound.</p> <p>Steps should be taken to protect employees, workers and volunteers from harm caused by loud noise, which isn't limited to loud music. They may also be at risk from noise from crowds, machinery and vehicles too.</p>

<p>Medical Provision and First Aid</p>	<p>Medical provision or first aid must be adequate and appropriate for the circumstances including the nature and size of the event. This means that you must provide sufficient first aid equipment (first aid kit), facilities and personnel at all times.</p> <p>In order to decide what provision you need to make for your event you should undertake a first-aid needs assessment. This assessment should consider the circumstances of your event, the types of people attending and the workforce and the hazards and risks that may be present. The findings will help you decide what first-aid arrangements you need to put in place.</p> <p>HSE has published guidance on all the factors above that will help you carry out your first-aid needs assessment and this is available at http://www.hse.gov.uk/firstaid/needs-assessment.htm</p>
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Emergency/ Contingency Plans

You must have plans in place to respond effectively to emergency incidents that might occur at an event.

Your emergency plan needs to be in proportion to the level of risk presented by event activities and the potential extent and severity of the incident. Consider the key risks to the event and those people present.

Most event emergency plans should address the same basic requirements, to:

- get people away from immediate danger
- summon and assist emergency services
- handle casualties
- deal with the displaced / non-injured (eg at a festival with camping)
- liaise with the emergency services and other authorities (and, where the situation is serious, hand over responsibility for the incident / emergency)
- protect property

Procedures for staff and volunteers to follow in an emergency should include:

- raising the alarm
- informing the public
- onsite emergency response, ie use of fire extinguishers
- summoning the emergency services
- crowd management, including evacuation, where necessary
- evacuation of people with disabilities
- traffic management, including emergency vehicles
- incident control
- liaison with emergency services
- providing first aid and medical assistance

Appoint people to implement your procedures if there is an incident or emergency and make sure that all relevant staff members, no matter what their normal working role, understand what they should do in an emergency, eg the location of exits, emergency equipment, how to raise the alarm and from whom they should receive instructions.

Emergencies can develop very rapidly. Make sure that you are equipped to move the audience to a total or relative place of safety without delay.

The following will be helpful:

- Plan escape routes and make sure they remain available and unobstructed.
- Consider signs for people unfamiliar with escape routes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Light all escape routes sufficiently for people to use them safely in an emergency.• Make sure emergency lighting complies with the requirements of BS 5266-1 http://www.bsigroup.com/. Use an independent power source, eg a generator, in case the mains electricity supply fails.• If using floodlighting, lighting towers etc as temporary lighting make sure it does not shine in people's faces along the escape route, making it more difficult for them. As an alternative, 'festoon lighting' along an escape route prevents glare.• Plan how, where necessary, you will evacuate people to a place of relative safety from where they can proceed to a place of total safety.• Plan to provide additional assistance to people with a disability, those with limited mobility and children.• Where children are separated from their parents, as in crèches, play areas etc, make arrangements for their safe evacuation clear so that parents don't try to reach them against the normal direction of escape.• All doors and gates leading to final exits, as well as site exits themselves, should be available for immediate use at all times. Check they are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• unlocked – if security is an issue they should be staffed not locked• free from obstructions• open outwards in the direction of escape <p>After the incident:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once the risk has been reduced to a tolerable level, you can consider restarting the performance / event.• Only restart the performance after consultation with other key agencies on site, eg emergency services. <p>Also consider your procedures to stop the event in the case of an emergency and how you would transfer authority to the police in the event of an emergency. Always think about what you have learnt from previous events, what may have gone wrong, near misses or worked well.</p>
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<p>Location and availability of services</p>	<p>Consideration should be given to the type and location of services to your site including water, sewage, gas, electric, telephone, including mobile phone signals or use of radio's.</p> <p>Also consider the location and number of WC facilities including number of units, urinals, disabled and baby changing required.</p>
<p>Emergency services access/egress routes</p>	<p>Consideration should be given to access for emergency services to all parts of the site e.g. will emergency vehicles use the same route as normal or is there a separate route?</p>
<p>Fire/Explosion</p>	<p>Further guidance on fire risk assessments are available from the Chief Fire Officers Association at:</p> <p>http://www.cfoa.org.uk/11544</p> <p>The EMP should clearly state how will you deal with emergencies? Who will have overall responsibility in the event of an emergency, who will be responsible for contacting the emergency services?</p>
<p>The emergency evacuation point location</p>	<p>Your plan should detail where this is located and what facilities will be required at this point. Consider the numbers of types of people attending the event, will they need first aid, food, drink and toilets?</p>
<p>Welfare</p>	<p>Consider the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and assessment of staff resources required. DBS checks required for supervision of lost children. Procedure to alert staff/police of lost child or vulnerable person.</p>
<p>Alcohol policy</p>	<p>Your plan should provide adequate detail on your age policy for alcohol, such as Challenge 25, use of wristbands and details of personal licence holders plus your child welfare/safeguarding policy.</p> <p>Consider how you promote the licensing objectives including the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.</p>
<p>Drugs policy and procedure</p>	<p>Provide details on your drugs policy and the procedure for handling/reporting confiscations. Your policy should be clear to those attending the event to avoid confusion. Ensure you have adequate resources including staff and space for searches upon entry to the site.</p> <p>Detail how you will liaise with the police where issues arise.</p>

Police/stewarding positions	Please consider types of stewards and marshals and where they will be positioned. Will SIA trained staff be required and ratio's. Detail training provided for stewards, marshals and volunteers.
Hospitality area	Your plan should provide details on location, size, facilities provided and hours of operation.
PA systems	Your EMP should provide details on whether they being used? Are they just for serious announcements or general use and who is operating the system. Are coded announcements being used, what are they and what do they mean?
CCTV	Please consider if this is being used, why, by who and who has access to images.
Communication procedures for radios	Your EMP should detail who will have access to them and when will they be used? Do you have a back-up system in case of equipment failure, how will you prevent misuse?
Are records being kept of incidents throughout the event	Your EMP should detail how and who maintains an incident log including what type of incidents are recorded, how is it being recorded, will any of the information be of a sensitive nature, how will you relay information to the relevant authorities if required?

<p>Examples of records required</p>	<p>This document is intended as an overview of the event and is not instead of a documented health and safety policy file which may include the following depending on the size and nature of your event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event safety policy statement Event risk assessments Plans of the site including emergency exits and traffic routes Crowd management plan Traffic management plan Noise management plan including details of sound engineers/noise consultants Emergency plan First aid arrangements Insurance details incl certificates Safety certificates e.g. electricity, gas, structures such as bouncy castles, seating stands and stages Extreme weather contingency plan e.g. heavy rain, strong winds, heat wave, ice and snow Training certificates Lost child policy and procedures Contact telephone numbers and contacts in event of an emergency Food safety documentation including risk assessments or safer food better business and training certificates
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