

York Concert Band Risk Assessment

The York Concert Band is an amateur band playing a variety of wind instruments with the addition of percussion and electric bass. It rehearses once a week in the Shipton By Beningbrough village hall, and performs in a variety of venues in York and the surrounding area. This Risk Assessment covers rehearsals, concerts and performances in a variety of locations, in both inside and outside venues.

Company name: York Concert Band

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Date assessment carried out: September 2022

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Theft of or damage to instruments at venues.	Band members ability to play or loss of valuable instruments.	Most instruments are owned by the players and not the band. Any theft of or damage to instruments is the responsibility of the owners.	All reasonable precautions and constant vigilance, will be taken to minimise risk and maintain adequate security. Instruments are not to be left unattended at anytime.	All band members and helpers.	From first arrival at the concert location until the last band member departs.	

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Accidents involving public audiences.	Members of the audience entering the band playing area.	All sensible precautions are undertaken to perform in venues that are clearly marked and are separate to any public audiences. Seats, stands and conducting podiums are always checked for any potential hazards or dangers. There is little danger from any of the instruments being a hazard to audiences.	All band members to be vigilant. This is a very low risk as members of the public are never encouraged to approach the band playing area.	All band members and helpers.	From first arrival at the concert location until the last band member member departs.	

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Accidents involving and danger to the band players.	Band members during setting up and moving instruments and equipment. Slips trips and falls.	Band members are encouraged to always act carefully and sensibly and be mindful of others when playing and handling instruments. Heavy instruments are transported as close to the playing area as possible to minimise the carrying distance and with due regard to the health and safety of all.	Additional help with heavy instruments and equipment is always available.	All band members and helpers.	From first arrival at the concert location until the last band member member departs.	

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Potential hazards from electrically powered instruments.	Band members during setting up and moving instruments and equipment.	All electronically powered instruments are owned by band players. It is their responsibility to ensure that all appliances are regularly checked for compliance to the latest electrical regulations.	All due care is to be taken to minimise risks to players and the public from electrically powered instruments when playing, especially in outdoor venues. Any electrical leads are to be carefully laid out and checked to minimise trip hazards.	String bass player if applicable and P.A equipment designee if applicable.	During set up, the concert duration and clear up.	

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<p>Accidents or hazards involving transport to and from venues.</p>	<p>All band members with risks involving travelling to and from venues.</p>	<p>As the majority of concerts are such that members travel independently, players are responsible for their own transport arrangements to and from venues. The band cannot be held liable for accidents involving members to and from venues. However new venues are visited prior to concerts by committee members to assess requirements including parking.</p>	<p>Any necessary travel arrangements are briefed out via email to band members to assist with their safe arrival and departure to and from the venue. Band members to plan a safe route.</p>	<p>Band members and committee.</p>	<p>Prior to departure for the venue.</p>	

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Weather.	All band members risk of sunburn, cold and wet weather. Potential damage to instruments.	Sun hats are made available for all band members. Band members are responsible for providing their own protective sunscreen and warm clothing when necessary.	Either alternative arrangements are made for wet or icy conditions or concerts cancelled.	Band members and committee.	Prior to departure for the venue and during the day of the concert.	

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