
Risk Assessment and Strategies for a Football Match at The Liberty Stadium

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The Sporting Event

- The Liberty's most popular and most frequent sport is football
- A sport with many risks and injuries
- Opened in 2005
- Located in Morfa retail park
- 26 sets of stairs and 12 lifts
- Seats 20,520
- £27m venue
- Swnasea City FC taken over from the council, while the Osprey's pay a 'nominal' rent. (Liberty Stadium website 2020).
- Target market: Sport enthusiasts, can potentially get aggressive.



What is a risk?

**“A measure of the probability and consequence of uncertain future events”
(Yoe 2011).**

A risk Hazard

A possibility of an accident



Who is expected to be at risk?

- Event attendees
- Staff
- Team Players

Why do we need a risk assessment?

- In case of legal action
 - To minimise risks and create a safer environment
 - Be aware of the chances of a risk happening and how severe it can be
 - What to do if an accident occurs
 - "To understand the type and nature of risks we can possibly face"
- (Mallen, C. & Adams, L. 2008)



How to measure a risk

The reason we measure a potential risk, is so that we can prioritise in mitigating severe hazards. "It allows companies to be able to focus and take note on improvements in overall situations"(Rutherford Silvers, J. 2008)

- **Who can get hurt**
- **Probability of the risk happening**
- **The consequences after the risk happens**

Risk assessment - Event attendees and staff

Risk	Severity & Possibility 1-5	Minimise the risk
Slips and trips	Severity 4 Possibility 5 = 20	Have cleaners to monitor the floor during the event and have first aid members on call
Injuries such as a ball hitting a face or crowd riots	Severity 3 Possibility 4 = 12	security and first aid members
Fire	Severity 5 Possibility 2 = 10	Extinguishers and alarms fitted, make sure every member of staff is trained
Dehydration	Severity 2 Possibility 3 = 6	Free water taps for bottle refills
Fighting	Severity 5 Possibility 4 = 20	security
Intoxicated	Severity 4 possibility 5 = 20	Stop serving alcohol to overly intoxicated attendees

Risk assessment - Footballers

Risk	Severity & Possibility 1-5	Minimise the risk
Carazed fans	Severity 2 Possibility 2 = 4	Security and closed off barriers and rooms
Injuries such as a ball hitting a face or leg injuries	Severity 4 Possibility 4 = 16	First aid staff
Fire	Severity 5 Possibility 2 = 10	Extinguishers and fire doors
Dehydration	Severity 2 Possibility 4 = 8	constant water supply during the game
Fighting	Severity 5 Possibility 4 = 20	Security

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Legal requirements

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safety of sports grounds legislation

fire safety legislation

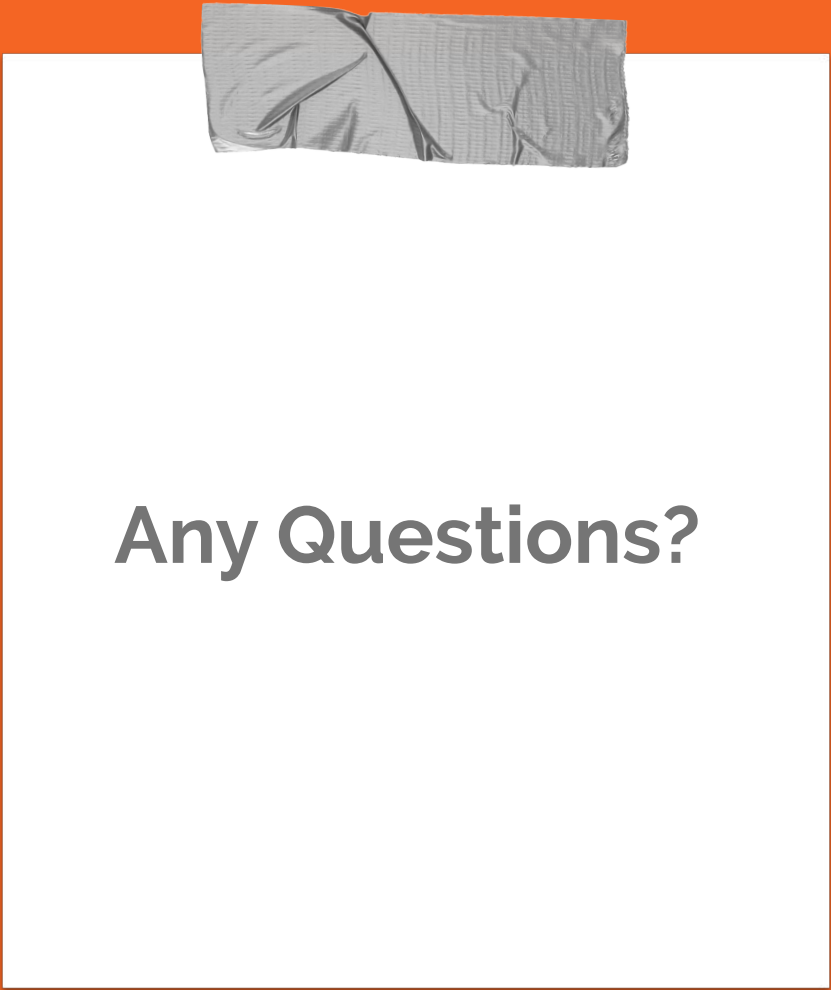
Health and safety at work legislation

legislation relating to people with disabilities

Source: (Resources Hwb Wales, 2020)

How to avoid risks from happening

- Train all staff accordingly
- Identify staff members who deal with first aid and security
- Keep a copy of all risk assessments in case of legal action
- Have an emergency procedure and make signs visible for event attendees
- Monitor the event and track incidents



Any Questions?

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