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Risk assessment for Laser Station Carmarthen

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What are the hazards

The main hazards at Laser Station are -

- When a group or individuals are playing Laser tag there is a risk of running into your group member in the arena. The arena is a darkened space with uv and disco lighting but mainly a fairly dark space.
- The walls in the arena are built of brick, an individual can be pushed or brush passed this material can cause grazing to open exposed skin.
- The arena has ramps with an individual can slip even with rough flooring and built in grips.
- Laser station has a large outside area which has a gravelled area and a decked area, in colder or wet weather the decking can become slippery and cause an individual to slip.
- The outside area overlooks the river Towy, even though there is a large wall between the garden and the river this is a risk if an individual were to jump over the wall onto the river bank.
- In the reception area there is a large tiled floor which can become slippery if drinks are spilt, this can cause an individual to fall.

What is being done to control these risks

- Each individual has a 5 minute briefing on how the Laser tag game works before and all risks are explained including how to use the equipment properly.
- Players are also shown around the arena before the game commences and shown the areas to be aware of such as ramps and bare walls.
- When the outside area is in use, mainly the summer term, staff brief all customers on the dangers and parents are to attend their children at all times when using the area.
- The reception area is in constant use and drinks or food are regularly spilt , staff keep on top of this situation by clearing and checking all areas very frequently. Making sure all tables and surfaces are cleaned.

What further action can be taken to control risks

- Making sure all staff members are fully trained and up to date with any changes to the premises risk assessment sheets.
- To keep control of all areas the public use, such as wet floor signs and public notices.
- To ensure all first aid kits are regularly checked and restocked.
- To have up to date cleaning sheets and rotas, making sure each area is well maintained at all times.
- To have at least one member of staff on each shift who is first aid trained and up to date with courses to ensure the safety of each customer.

Who needs to carry out the action

- The manager or supervisor needs to ensure all staff are fully trained in all areas.
- The staff member who is left in charge on a shift.

- All staff should be aware of the risks and what is needed to be done in any situation that may occur.

When is the action needed by

- Action is to be taken up immediately with any risk that occurs on the premises.
- If left or uncontrolled could cause huge harm to customers.
- All incidents need to be logged immediately and recorded in the accident book, signed by both staff members and any adults, parent or guardian.
- All risk assessment folders and procedure sheets should be easily accessible at all times.
- The manager / owner is to be aware of any new risks that may occur and this is to be updated and renewed regularly, making sure all staff are fully aware of any changes.
- All records need to be signed and checked off regularly by management.