

Risk Assessment: All areas

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This risk assessment seeks to cover the general risks in use of the church facilities. The risks specific to individual groups are covered by their risk assessments.

This document does not, and does not seek to, eliminate all risks, but rather it seeks to identify risks, assess their impact and reduce their likelihood.

Likelihood (Chances of occurrence)		Severity (outcome)	
2	Remote possibility	2	Negligible Injury
4	Unlikely	4	Minor injury
6	Possible	6	Major injury or disability
8	Very Likely	8	Death
10	Certainty	10	Multiple deaths
Low (1-30)		High (40-50)	
Medium (30-40)		Very High (80-100)	

Hazards, mitigations and risk ratings are all examples and should be considered in light of your facilities

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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	Risk rating before controls (likelihood x severity)			What are you already doing (Control measures)	Residual risk (likelihood x severity after mitigation)	Further actions required
Poorly maintained building.	All building users. Various from trips to legionella in water supply	8	8	64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good housekeeping standards are maintained. • Routine weekly, monthly and annual maintenance schedule • Building users asked to notify diaconate of any housekeeping or maintenance issues • Adequate provision of and good maintenance of fire extinguishers and smoke detectors all checked on a regular basis. • Routine audit of first aid kits, accident reporting, pest control checks, fire escape routes • De-fib is available on the outside wall. • Annual health and safety walk through by trustees representative 	36	

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<p>Slips, trips and falls within the building and outside</p>	<p>All building users May suffer bumps, sprains or fractures from falling, particularly on wet or slippery paths and floors</p>	6	6	36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All floor covering maintained in good repair • All rooms are on one level. No steps • All areas well lit • All spillages to be reported and cleaned up immediately. • Caution wet floor sign to be used. • Aisles, and walkways to be kept clear at all times. No cables to be trailed across the floor. • Outside surfaces maintained • Supply of grit kept on site. • Working at height principals agreed with maintenance volunteers. • Church stepladder checked regularly • Incident forms available 	24	No further action required
<p>Objects or equipment falling if poorly or unsafely stored</p>	<p>All building users May suffer bumps, fractures or serious injuries from falling objects</p>	6	6	36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good housekeeping standard are maintained • Adequate and safe storage provided • Building users to ensure shelves are not overloaded and no heavy items stored at height 	24	No further action required

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular tidying of the church building 		
Electrical	<p>All building users</p> <p>May suffer shocks or burns from faulty equipment</p>	6	8	48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building users are responsible for equipment used and are asked to report any known defects to diaconate PAT testing carried out 	16	No further action required
Traffic movement within boundaries or adjacent to the site	<p>All building users - particularly the vulnerable</p> <p>May suffer injuries or fatalities if vehicles hit pedestrians</p>	6	8	48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> User encouraged to be vigilant when using, entering or exiting the car park Parents reminded to supervise their own children outside the building 	24	No further action required
Using premises at night	<p>All building users</p> <p>Additional risk of trips and falls in unlit areas; risk of lone working</p>	6	6	36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car park lighting installed Avoid lone working if possible and ensure someone knows when anyone will be alone in the building. All building users encouraged to carry mobile phone when alone in the building. 	24	

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<p>Unrestricted access in and around the building</p>	<p>All building users Injury or fatality by intruders Loss or damage to property</p>	4	10	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doors to the building are kept locked unless 2 people are in the building. 	20	No further action required
<p>Unsafe use or moving of furniture and equipment</p>	<p>All building users Injury caused by damaged or unsafe furniture</p>	6	6	36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aids are provided for moving heavy loads such as chairs Basic guidance given to volunteers on safe manual handling 	24	No further action required
<p>Hazardous Substances</p>	<p>All building users Low risk as only basic kitchen products and soaps stored, but risk of illness if ingested</p>	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quantity of products kept to a minimum All products stored in labelled containers in designated storage cupboards 	8	No further action required
<p>Kitchen Use Hot water, Hot Surfaces, sharp knives</p>	<p>All building users Burns, scalds and cuts</p>	6	4	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food hygiene certificates undertaken by regular users of the kitchen. Signage giving kitchen use guidance Children under 14 not allowed in the kitchen. Vacuum flasks provided for safe pouring of hot drinks in other parts of the building. 	16	No further action needed

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<p>Kitchen Use</p> <p>Poor food hygiene</p>	<p>Consumers of food,</p> <p>Food poisoning/Allergic reaction</p>	6	6	36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Hygiene and kitchen use guidance 	24	No further action required
<p>Spillage of blood or other bodily fluids</p>	<p>All building users, particularly those providing first aid</p> <p>Risk of contracting serious diseases</p>	4	6	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloves provided with first aid supplies • All building users, particularly, those providing first aid briefed to use gloves when dealing with bodily fluids 	12	No further action required

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