

Risk Assessments

What are Risk Assessments?

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Why do Risk Assessments?

Firstly, as a church, we have to have a risk assessment in place (and approved!) before council can approve any activity or event.

But that's just the formal part. The reason they are important is to show that the organiser, and others, have thought about any risks that might be involved in running the event, that these have been identified and actions to reduce them have been taken or are planned. We all need to take care of one another and reducing risks is one way we can do this.

Organisation of our Risk Assessments

Our risk assessments are divided into three categories:

1. **General** which apply to many activities and events. They contain information about risks and precautions that do not need to be repeated in every activity risk assessment.
2. **Recurring** which apply to activities and events that take place "regularly".
3. **One-Off** for occasional activities / events that are unlikely to be repeated.

Reviewing Risk Assessments

As situations change, risks may also change. So, it is important that the general and recurring risk assessments are reviewed regularly. We have defined this to be every three years for the general ones and for the long-term recurring ones and annually for sales and events that only take place once a year.

It is important that organisers and helpers are regularly reminded of the risks and the precautions that need to be taken.