



**Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999  
General Risk Assessment - FORM RA2**

Task/operation being assessed	Drama Lesson
Purpose/method of work	Teaching drama skills, practical workshops, rehearsals and performances
Level of skill/training required	Qualified drama teacher or those with suitable experience. An awareness of safety issues in a theatrical environment
Specific work equipment provided	PA system, lighting, props, costume and scenery.
Specific Legislative requirements	Electricity at work regulations Health & Safety at work Manual Handling Operations Regulations Fire Precautions (work[place] Regulations Fire Precautions Act

Main hazards identified	Who will be affected	Control measures to reduce risk.
Slips and Trips	All students & staff	Practical space must be kept clear of all props/costume/scenery.  All wires from PA or lighting must be neatly stored or taped down if trailing.
Fire Hazard	All students & staff	All fire exits and escape routes to be kept clear and well lit.  Props & scenery must not be stored near fire exits or escape routes.  All electrical equipment that could cause fires to be kept away from combustible materials.

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Props/Scenery	All students & staff	<p>Many items of scenery/props may need to be moved.</p> <p>Manual handling assessment must be undertaken.</p> <p>Manual handling must be carried out using safe techniques, instructions should be provided to students</p>
Electricity	All students & staff	<p>All electrical equipment must be tested.</p> <p>Do not use untested equipment. Visually inspect all technical equipment for damage or faults. Untested and faulty equipment must be removed from service and repaired, tested, destroyed or disposed of as appropriate. Individual mains supplies must be used for each item of equipment. Do not overload circuits with extension leads. Trailing leads must not cross a fire exit or pedestrian thoroughfare.</p>
Physical activities	Students	<p>Staff must make sure that students are warmed up before undertaking strenuous exercise.</p> <p>Staff must make sure that activities are age appropriate.</p> <p>Staff must ensure the practical space is clear from hazards.</p>

### Manual Handling Risk

<b>Has a manual handling risk been identified?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>The risk is considered to be</b>	Low
<b>Is further detailed assessment required?</b>	No
<b>If the answer to the above question is yes a separate manual handling assessment will be required to fulfil the requirements of the Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992.</b>	

Signed

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