



Risk Assessment - Rail Ale Events

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The GWSR often runs specialist real ale events either in conjunction with the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) or on their own. They also operate pop up ales bars at other events such as steam and diesel galas.

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Ale bars at events

Type	Hazard Cause	Persons Affected	Control Measures	L Overall	S =	T	Additional Control Measures	L Overall	S =	T	Owner/Action
Health and Safety	Injury or illness Unfamiliarity, crowding, queues, poor hygiene	Everyone	1) CRITICAL - Engineering: Any electrical equipment in use to have a current PATS test and be protected by an RCD - Effective 2) CRITICAL - Engineering: No equipment or facilities to be erected in roadways, or within 6 foot or railway lines. - Effective 3) CRITICAL - Engineering: Electrical supplies are not be to overloaded and should be suitably sized - Effective 4) CRITICAL - Engineering: Glass washing facilities to be available - Effective 5) CRITICAL - Engineering: Potential hazardous areas are taped, barriered or fenced off - Effective 6) CRITICAL - Engineering: Beer casks and other products are to be supported on purpose built and suitable fixings - Effective 7) CRITICAL - Administrative: All buildings and marquees to be of sound construction - Effective 8) CRITICAL - Administrative: Permanent buildings to have a current fire assessment, fixed wiring certification and suitable fire fighting apparatus - Effective 9) CRITICAL - Administrative: Entrances and exits to be clearly marked - Effective 10) CRITICAL - Administrative: All GWSR staff to have undergone Manual Handling training - Effective 11) CRITICAL - Administrative: All GWSR staff involved to have undertaken selling alcohol training - Effective 12) CRITICAL - Administrative: A premises license to be in place - Effective 13) CRITICAL - Administrative: A designated license holder or deputy to be on site - Effective 14) CRITICAL - Administrative: All licensing rules to be followed - Effective 15) CRITICAL - Administrative: Hand washing facilities to be provided - Effective 16) CRITICAL - Administrative: All GWSR staff to be extra vigilant during events to be aware of potential drunkenness issues - Effective 17) CRITICAL - Administrative: Crossing monitors to be provided if station foot crossings are in use - Effective 18) CRITICAL - Administrative: Any contractors or visitors, such as CAMRA volunteers, to be fully inducted and signed into the GWSR system each day - Effective 19) CRITICAL - Administrative: A safety briefing is to be held at the start of each day - Effective 20) CRITICAL - Administrative: Any contractor catering provision to have suitable risk assessments in place as well as public liability insurance and food hygiene certification - Effective 21) CRITICAL - Administrative: Public and staff toilets to be available. - Effective 22) CRITICAL - Administrative: All staff involved to have been given a copy of this risk assessment, read it, understood it and follow it. - Effective 23) CRITICAL - Administrative: Children are not allowed at the bar areas - Effective 24) CRITICAL - Administrative: Children must be supervised by adults - Effective CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE	2 x	2 =	4	1) Engineering: Suitable lighting to be provided if event open during hours of darkness - Effective 2) Administrative: Consider having traffic flow routes to guide people through buildings - Effective 3) Administrative: Consider use of radios for communications - Effective 4) PPE: Consider having First Response staff in attendance - Effective	2 x	2 =	4	n/a



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			25) CRITICAL - Administrative: Anyone in a drunken, abusive, or disorderly state will not be allowed into the premises, or served, and will be told to leave - Effective								
			26) CRITICAL - Administrative: A 'drink responsibly' statement requiring responsible drinking is to be displayed. - Effective								
			27) CRITICAL - Administrative: No person under 18 will be permitted to serve, or drink alcohol - Effective								
			28) CRITICAL - Administrative: Water and non-alcohol drinks are readily available to help prevent dehydration and alcohol-related issues. - Effective								
			29) CRITICAL - Administrative: Litter and debris are collected throughout the event with plenty of bins provided - Effective								
			30) CRITICAL - Administrative: Only trained adult staff are allowed behind bars - Effective								
			31) CRITICAL - Administrative: Spillages to be immediately cleaned up - Effective								
			32) CRITICAL - Administrative: Smoking or the use of e-cigarettes is not allowed in any event area - Effective								
			33) CRITICAL - PPE: A first aid kit to be available - Effective								
			34) CRITICAL - PPE: Closed-toe footwear must be worn by all volunteers on site at all times. Open-toed shoes, sandals, and high heels are not permitted. - Effective								

Score and Control Measure Notes.

Risk is low if control measures followed.

Risk remains low.

COSHH Assessments

There are no COSHH assessments associated with this risk assessment.

Ends