# 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<br>Cause | Persons Affected | Control Measures | L S T<br>Overall | Additional Control Measures | L S T<br>Overall | Owner/Action |
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| Health and Safety | Injury or illness<br>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<br>2) CRITICAL - Engineering: No equipment or facilities to be erected in roadways, or within 6 foot or railway lines. - Effective<br>3) CRITICAL - Engineering: Electrical supplies are not be to overloaded and should be suitably sized - Effective<br>4) CRITICAL - Engineering: Glass washing facilities to be available - Effective<br>5) CRITICAL - Engineering: Potential hazardous areas are taped, barriered or fenced off - Effective<br>6) CRITICAL - Engineering: Beer casks and other products are to be supported on purpose built and suitable fixings - Effective<br>7) CRITICAL - Administrative: All buildings and marquees to be of sound construction - Effective<br>8) CRITICAL - Administrative: Permanent buildings to have a current fire assessment, fixed wiring certification and suitable fire fighting apparatus - Effective<br>9) CRITICAL - Administrative: Entrances and exits to be clearly marked - Effective<br>10) CRITICAL - Administrative: All GWSR staff to have undergone Manual Handling training - Effective<br>11) CRITICAL - Administrative: All GWSR staff involved to have undertaken selling alcohol training - Effective<br>12) CRITICAL - Administrative: A premises license to be in place - Effective<br>13) CRITICAL - Administrative: A designated license holder or deputy to be on site - Effective<br>14) CRITICAL - Administrative: All licensing rules to be followed - Effective<br>15) CRITICAL - Administrative: Hand washing facilities to be provided - Effective<br>16) CRITICAL - Administrative: All GWSR staff to be extra vigilant during events to be aware of potential drunkeness issues - Effective<br>17) CRITICAL - Administrative: Crossing monitors to be provided if station foot crossings are in use - Effective<br>18) CRITICAL - Administrative: Any contractors or visitors, such as CAMRA volunteers, to be fully inducted and signed into the GWSR system each day - Effective<br>19) CRITICAL - Administrative: A safety briefing is to be held at the start of each day - Effective<br>20) CRITICAL - Administrative: Any contractor catering provision to have suitable risk asessments in place as well as public liability insurance and hood hygiene certification - Effective<br>21) CRITICAL - Administrative: Public and staff toilets to be available. - Effective<br>22) CRITICAL - Administrative: All staff involved to have been given a copy of this risk assessment, read it, understood it and follow it. - Effective<br>23) CRITICAL - Administrative: Children are not allowed at the bar areas - Effective<br>24) CRITICAL - Administrative: Children must be supervised by adults - Effective<br>CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE | 2 x 2 = 4<br>Low - Risk to be monitored to ensure it remains adequately controlled to an acceptable level. | 1) Engineering: Suitable lighting to be provided if event open during hours of darkness - Effective<br>2) Administrative: Consider having traffic flow routes to guide people through buildings - Effective<br>3) Administrative: Consider use of radios for communications - Effective<br>4) PPE: Consider having First Response staff in attendance - Effective | 2 x 2 = 4<br>Low - Risk to be monitored to ensure it remains adequately controlled to an acceptable level. | 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<br>26) CRITICAL - Administrative: A 'drink responsibly' statement requiring responsible drinking is to be displayed. - Effective<br>27) CRITICAL - Administrative: No person under 18 will be permitted to serve, or drink alcohol - Effective<br>28) CRITICAL - Administrative: Water and non-alcohol drinks are readily available to help prevent dehydration and alcohol-related issues. - Effective<br>29) CRITICAL - Administrative: Litter and debris are collected throughout the event with plenty of bins provided - Effective<br>30) CRITICAL - Administrative: Only trained adult staff are allowed behind bars - Effective<br>31) CRITICAL - Administrative: Spillages to be immediately cleaned up - Effective<br>32) CRITICAL - Administrative: Smoking or the use of e-cigarettes is not allowed in any event area - Effective<br>33) CRITICAL - PPE: A first aid kit to be available - Effective<br>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.

## Reference Documents

• CAMRA Insurance -

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