



Investigating Paranormal Anomalies

Risk Assessment

Lead Investigators: Dave Dyson and Donna Gudgeon

Venue: _____

Where: _____

Date: _____



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Upon our arrival, members of our team will liaise with the location manager and carry out a risk assessment of the premises. Any risks identified are communicated to guests during the initial briefing.

If the location manager provides us with a safety pack or pre-organised risk assessment, we will use this where appropriate.

Our activities present a low risk to the team and to members of the public. We do not have any individual risk assessments for our equipment or activities as they are strictly controlled to reduce harm. Any first aid or incidents which cause harm will be communicated to the location manager; our team have a fully qualified first aider on site, following on-site procedures where possible. We conduct our risk assessment systematically and we attempt to consider all of the foreseeable risks which are associated with our investigations and the location.

These are our working principles:

- Hazard: Anything with the potential to cause harm, uneven flooring, low lighting, electricity, hazardous substances and noise are examples of typical hazards.
- Risk: The likelihood that damage, loss or injury will be caused by a hazard and how severe the outcome may be.

We follow Health and Safety Executive recommendations and adopt an approach in five steps:

- Identify the hazards associated with on-site activities;
- Identify who could be harmed by those hazards;
- Identify how we manage the risks at present and what further steps might be required to reduce the risks further. These are our control measures;
- Record the findings of our assessment and inform those at risk of the controls during the initial briefing;
Review the risk assessment on a regular basis, e.g. if the staff, the activity, or the equipment used change.

Ser	Activity / Element (Step 1)	Hazards Identified (Step 2)	Risks Identified (Step 3)	Existing Control (Step 4)	Is Residual Risk Acceptable (Step 5)	Additional Controls Required (Step 6)	Is Residual Risk Acceptable[1] (Step 7)
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
1	Working with minimal or no lighting	Slips, trips and falls.	Unspecified Minor injuries Low/Medium risk	Ensuring that all team members have torches and torches are supplied for those who don't have one.	YES	All team members to be told about any hazards and where they are during briefing.	YES
2	Uneven flooring	Trips, falls or mis-stepping	Unspecified minor injuries Low/Medium risk	Ensuring team members have adequate lighting/torches in areas where the floor is uneven	YES	All team members to be told during briefing about uneven floors and locations.	YES
3	Low ceilings and doorways	Hitting head	Head injury Low/Medium risk	Ensure team members are carrying torches and use them when moving about	YES	All team members to be made aware during briefing if there are low doorways or ceilings	YES
4	Derelict Buildings	Falling debris risk	Head injury Medium\High risk	Ensure that team members have torches and wear hard hats supplied by I.P.A Suitable clothing and boots	YES	All team members to be made aware during briefing if the roof is unstable	YES
5	Event Shelter (Events Only)	Slips, trips and falls.	Unspecified Minor injuries Low/Medium risk	Ensure all guy ropes are clearly visible. All storage boxes are out of the way. Ensure all customers are safe Whilst participating in activities	YES	All team members to be told about any hazards and where they are during briefing.	YES

6	Covid 19	Risk of infection	Low/Medium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure all team members have their temperatures taken on arrival 2. Everyone to fill out track and trace info 3. Make sure everyone has a facemask and if not one is provided 4. Exemptions for face guards to be made available for those who have health issues that prevent them from wearing one 5. All high touch surface areas to be sanitised before during and after the event 6. Team to be split into groups of no more than 4 7. One way systems to be implemented where possible 8. Social distancing to be maintained through the night during and after the investigation 9. If team members wish to split and go for a wander no more than two together and social distancing must be maintained masks do not have to be worn unless you want to. 		All team members to be briefed fully on the procedures for Covid 19 and made aware of any one way systems	YES
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The I.P.A will be equipped and supplied with all the necessary kit required for the investigation

Below are examples to include and observe in the investigation

- When attending the investigation participants should be dressed appropriately long sleeves, fully covering shoes/trainers/ nothing open toe foot, Hair tied back.
- A first Aid kit should be carried by a member of the team, should be first aid qualified.
- Fresh clean water should be available during the session.

Signed:

(I.P.A Team Member)

Date:

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