

Masterpiece / Blind Brush Battle - Risk Assessment

Slips, Trips and Falls

Hazards: Spills on hard floors; cluttered walkways.

Who's at risk: Everyone.

Controls:

- Keep aisles wide; designate a bag/coat area away from walkways.
- Use table coverings; keep drinks in a consistent spot on the table (ideally a "drink zone" away from paint water).
- Immediate spill response: paper towels + floor-safe cleaner available; venue notified for larger spills.

Residual risk: Low-Medium.

Paint Exposure

Hazards: Acrylic paint contact; splashes; cleaning products; possible sensitivities.

Who's at risk: Participants and host.

Controls:

- Use water-based, non-toxic acrylics.
- Provide aprons; encourage sleeves rolled up; wipes available.
- Handwashing/sanitiser available; no touching face/eyes; rinse guidance if splashed.
- Ventilation adequate (open windows/doors where possible).

Residual risk: Low.

Cross Contamination / Ingestion

Hazards: Paint on hands transferred to glass rims/food; accidental ingestion.

Who's at risk: Participants.

Controls:

- Separate "paint zone" and "drink/food zone" on each table.
- Encourage hand wipes/handwashing before eating or topping up drinks.
- Keep paint containers closed when not in use; no brushes in drinking glasses.

Residual risk: Low.

Time Pressure / Competition Behavior

Hazards: Conflict between teams.

Who's at risk: Participants and host.

Controls:

- Clear roles per team (e.g., painter(s), runner, quality checker) to reduce chaos.
- Host authority to pause the challenge if behaviour becomes unsafe; de-escalation approach (reset, re-brief).

Residual risk: Medium (depends on group).

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Manual Handling

Hazards: Strains/sprains from lifting stock and equipment.

Who's at risk: Host/instructor primarily.

Controls:

- Use wheeled bags/trolleys where possible; split loads into smaller boxes.
- Use correct lifting technique; ask venue staff for help with heavy items.
- Allow enough setup time to avoid rushing.

Residual risk: Low.

Table Protection

Hazards: Paint staining tables/floors; water damage; paint on soft furnishings.

Who's at risk: Venue (property), host (liability), participants (personal items).

Controls:

- Use table coverings and/or disposable mats; keep wipes handy.
- Set up a controlled "paint station" area; keep lids on paints when not in use.
- Brief participants to keep personal items off the table edges; provide a side table for coats/bags.

Residual risk: Low.

Behavioral Risks

Hazards: Breakages, spills, injuries if participants are careless (especially with glassware).

Who's at risk: Everyone.

Controls:

- Clear start-of-session briefing; host has authority to pause/stop activity.
- If alcohol is present, keep glass items controlled.
- Maintain appropriate supervision ratio for group size.

Residual risk: Medium (depends on group).