

Doormat Painting - Risk Assessment

Slips, Trips and Falls

Hazards: Paint spills, water pots knocked over, drips when moving doormats to the drying area

Who's at risk: Participants, host, venue staff.

Controls:

- Use full table coverings and keep paint/water away from table edges.
- Use small, stable paint pots; lids on when not in use.
- Keep kitchen roll/wipes to hand and clean spills immediately.
- Create a clearly marked drying area away from foot traffic.

Residual risk: Low-Medium.

Skin Irritation / Allergic Reactions

Hazards: Skin irritation or allergic reaction from paints, pigments, cleaning sprays/wipes

Who's at risk: Participants and host.

Controls:

- Use non-toxic, water-based paints where possible.
- Provide hand wipes/sanitiser.
- Ask at the start for allergies/sensitivities
- No food handling at paint stations; encourage handwashing after the activity.

Residual risk: Low.

Eye Irritation

Hazards: Eye irritation from splashes, touching eyes with paint on hands.

Who's at risk: Participants and host.

Controls:

- Demonstrate controlled brush loading (no "flicking" excess paint).
- Don't overfill paint pots; keep them central on the table.
- Remind participants: "Hands away from face"
- Ensure access to clean water/sink for rinsing

Residual risk: Low.

Fumes and Odours

Hazards: Fumes/odours from paints

Who's at risk: Participants (especially asthma/sensitivities/pregnancy) and host.

Controls:

- Avoid aerosol sprays indoors; use low-odour, water-based products.
- Keep lids closed when not in use.
- Ventilate the room (open windows/doors where possible).
- If anyone feels unwell, move them to fresh air and pause their participation.

Residual risk: Low.

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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 drips/spills, 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 area; lids on 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).