

Paint & Sips - 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.

Alcohol Related Impairment

Hazards: Increased risk-taking, reduced coordination, arguments/harassment, accidents during movement.

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

Controls:

- Encourage pacing: water available and promoted; optional "one drink per break" guidance.
- Host sets expectations at start: respectful behaviour, keep aisles clear, report spills
- Host has authority to pause/stop session for unsafe behaviour and to escalate further

Residual risk: Medium (cannot be eliminated; managed).

Cuts

Hazards: Cuts from breakages; shards on floor; unsafe clean-up.

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

Controls:

- Prefer toughened glassware or polycarbonate if venue allows (especially for larger groups).
- If breakage occurs: stop movement in area; host/venue staff clean up only..

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.

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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.

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).