

ST MARK'S CHURCH HALL – GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT, April 2021

People at Risk	Risk Identified	Level	Mitigation action	Responsibility
Hall users, cleaner, volunteers, contractors, passers by in car park, children (e.g. games, dance, accessing the stage).	Slips, trips and falls Bruising, cuts/grazes, fractures caused by uneven surfaces, slippery floors, trip hazards (cables etc), use of the stage/stage steps.	M	Car park has a good tarmac surface with no potholes or cracks. Disabled parking spaces directly opposite entrance. Hall entrance is level with outside path. Floor mopping early mornings allowing floors to dry before users arrive; signage. Edge strip painted on stage and mobile stage steps provided. User groups responsible for ensuring safety of activities, use of equipment, cables, cleaning up spills and supervision of children in the hall. Use of the stage is restricted; users advised to use the stage steps for activities requiring its use and to ensure supervision. Contractors required to follow safe working practices with Risk Assessments and Method Statements for significant works.	Hall group Cleaner Group leaders/hirers Contractors
Contractors, cleaner, volunteers, users of the Hall installing decorations.	Working at height Sprains, fractures, breaks, head/neck/spinal injury and potentially death from falling off ladders and other means of access.	H	Contractors required to follow safe working practices as above. St Mark's H&S policy document. H&S information included in guidance issued to cleaner, volunteers and hirers – including a policy of no use of ladders when working alone on-site. Contractors used for jobs at significant height rather than volunteers.	Hall group Cleaner Group leaders/hirers Volunteers Contractors
Users/volunteers setting up or clearing away, cleaner, children.	Poor storage of tables and chairs Strains, crush injuries	M	Portable table storage trolley in main hall floorspace. Orderly stacking of items in specified locations. Notices and H&S information issued specifying chair stacking/storage. Users responsible for ensuring that items are stowed away properly and in accordance with guidance.	Hall group Cleaner Group leaders/hirers
Users, cleaner, volunteers, children, contractors.	Hazardous substances e.g. cleaning products, paints, solvents. Skin irritation or poisoning (especially for young people).	M	Cleaning products stored in locked cleaner's cupboard and cabinet. Paints, solvents, weed-killer etc stored in locked side-cupboard or shed. Group leaders are responsible for safe storage of any products they require. Group leaders are responsible for safe use of Covid-related products. Contractors required to follow safe working practices as above.	Hall group Cleaner Group leaders/hirers Contractors
Users, cleaner, volunteers, contractors.	Manual handling Strains, back injury when moving heavy items, e.g. tables and chairs	M	Portable table storage trolley in main hall floorspace. H&S information about safe manual handling issued. Contractors required to follow safe working practices as above.	Hall group Cleaner Group leaders/hirers Contractors
Cleaner, volunteers, group leaders, contractors.	Lone working Injury, illness, personal safety	M	Anlaby Churches Lone Working policy applies to the hall. Advice issued in user guidance. Contractors are expected to follow their own lone working policy.	Hall group Cleaner Group leaders/hirers Contractors
Users, cleaner, volunteers, children, contractors.	Fire Smoke inhalation, burns and potentially death.	M	Fire risk assessment completed and measures in place. Annual fire equipment checks undertaken by competent contractor. Smoke detectors fitted. Users responsible for identifying a Responsible Person for H&S including fire.	Hall group Cleaner Group leaders/hirers Contractors

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Users, cleaner, volunteers, children, contractors.	Electricity Shocks, burns and potentially death from faulty equipment or installation.	M	Full electrical system checks by a qualified electrician every 5 years (as advised by Insurers). Due 2021. Portable appliance testing schedule every 2 years (as advised by Insurers in view of nature of portable electric equipment and use levels). Users are responsible for their equipment on site and advised of need to check it. All electrical work is completed by a qualified electrician.	Hall group Contractors Group leaders/hirers
Users, cleaner, volunteers, children, contractors.	Asbestos Respiratory illness from sustained, long-term exposure to asbestos particles.	L	Asbestos check/report completed annually by competent contractor. Management plan in place - low grade asbestos panelling labelled; H&S information issued.	Hall group Cleaner Group leaders/hirers Contractors
Users, cleaner, volunteers, children, contractors.	Carbon monoxide poisoning Emissions from faulty gas connection/boiler.	L	Gas heating system/boiler serviced annually by a certified contractor. CO monitor in place near the boiler and gas meter cupboard.	Hall group
Users, cleaner, volunteers, children.	Legionella Disease from contaminated water.	L	Anlaby Churches Legionella risk assessment in place covering all buildings, following risk report and testing undertaken 2020 by a qualified plumber. Monthly water testing regime in place.	Hall group Cleaner
Users, volunteers, children	Food poisoning Illness from poorly prepared food or basic lack of hygiene.	L	Kitchen is described as a basic facility for simple refreshments/basic cooking only. Food safety information displayed in kitchen. Party hirers are required to bring in pre-prepared food. User groups responsible for their own risk assessment and ensuring that relevant people have suitable food hygiene training, as appropriate. Cleaning schedule in place to ensure appropriate cleanliness.	Hall group Cleaner Group leaders/hirers
Users, cleaner, volunteers, contractors	Theft Loss of church hall property or personal property	L	No cash or items of significant value are left on the premises. Hirers & users are responsible for ensuring that the building is locked and fully secure at the end of their use. Users are advised to use the simple locking mechanism on the inside of the main door during use for security reasons.	Hall group Cleaner Group leaders/hirers