

# Museum of the History of Science

## GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT for Family Friendly Activities, School Visits and Workshops at Museum of the History of Science

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Activity/ Process/ Operation	Potential hazards	Risk Level H/M/L	Precautions taken to minimize risk	Further action needed to minimise risk (after event)
Gallery activities	Tripping on steps or furniture	Low	Raise awareness verbally during introduction	
Gallery visit	Overcrowding around displays and cabinets	Low	Raise awareness verbally during introduction	
Workshop activity	Injury from sharp tools: scissors, modelling knives or other sharp tools (where applicable)	Medium	Raise awareness verbally during introduction Tool use by children only with adult supervision	
Workshop activity	Ingestion of paint, glue or	Low	Check labels to ensure safety Adult supervision	

	other potentially toxic substance (when applicable)			
All	Fire hazard	Low	Information about no smoking policy Information about fire exits and procedure during introduction	
All	Getting lost	Low	Ensure that students and staff are fully informed of the timetable and location of events	
Outside activity (if applicable) and travelling to and from different museums	Traffic hazard	Medium	Adult supervision for crossing any roads Verbal warning about unexpected numbers of bicycles in Oxford	