



RISK ASSESSMENT: STUDENT & STUDIO 2025

It is the teacher/ group leader's responsibility to ensure that this is appropriate to their class/performance and any additional risks are added and that all measures are in place and the risk is controlled.

HAZARD DESCRIPTION	CONSEQUENCES	WHO IS AT RISK	CONTROLS	FREQUENCY/SEVERITY
Slippery/Obstructed Floor Surface	Slips, trips, falls, broken bones, head injuries, sprained ankles	Teacher, Dancers, Visitors, Children	Dancers wear appropriate footwear. Specialist flooring laid.	Low/High
Exhaustion	Fainting, slips, trips, falls	Teacher, Dancers, Visitors, Children	Time for a break between performances or classes. Drink breaks during classes.	Low/High
Lack of dance training/instruction	Collision, falls, sprains	Teacher, Dancers, Visitors, Children	Qualified, well-practised dancers perform on the stage or teach classes. Lots of space in classes to prevent people knocking in to one another.	Low/Low
Dehydration	Fainting, headaches	Teacher, Dancers, Visitors, Children	Experienced teachers ensure class moves at an appropriate pace. All students are told to bring water with them and teachers provide regular drink breaks.	Low/High
Electrical hazards with portable/static appliances and water	Injury, potential death	Teacher, Dancers, Visitors, Children	Staff monitors that water and drinks are not stored on or near to electrical equipment.	Very Low/Very High
Pulled muscles	Injury	Teacher, Dancers, Visitors, Children	Dancers are warmed up and there is cool down time. Teacher can instruct students to warm up while they are setting up or in the first few minutes of the class. Teachers should advise students to do it in their own time after the class.	Low/Low



In light of recent national events we have made the following additions to the Risk Assessment 2025:

Focus: Safety during classes.

Risk: Unauthorized persons may attempt to enter the hall.

Likelihood: Low

Impact: High (risk of abduction, threats to child safety)

Control Measures:

Hall doors will remain locked during class and only opened during designated drop-off and pick-up times.

Ensure a responsible adult (teacher or staff) is present to supervise and verify the identity of all individuals arriving at pick-up.

Parents/carers must inform the teacher if another person will be picking up their child.

Focus: Emergency Evacuation During Class

Risk: If an emergency (fire, medical, etc.) occurs during class, children may become confused or panic.

Likelihood: Low

Impact: High (injury, panic)

Control Measures:

Ensure all teachers and staff are trained in emergency evacuation procedures.

Discuss emergency exit procedure with children to ensure they know what to do in case of emergency.

Parents should contact a member of staff to discuss the emergency exit procedure.

Conclusion:

There are risks associated with dance classes which involve supervision during drop-off and pick-up and preventing unauthorized access. Clear communication with parents, strict access control measures, and consistent staff supervision are key to minimising these risks.

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