



FIRE SAFETY ADVICE

EVENT SAFETY GUIDE

It is important for an event organiser to appreciate that fire is a very real risk in event environments and recognise their statutory responsibilities to undertake a comprehensive fire risk assessment and to put in place such controls as are necessary to mitigate against these risks.

Some key considerations are listed below;

- Sufficient exits must be provided to allow people to exit the site to a place of safety.
 - Firefighting equipment should be provided in accordance with paragraphs 170 – 172 of the [Event Safety Guide](#) (The Purple Guide).
 - Marquees should conform to BS5438 and the Made Up Textiles Association Code of Public Safety.
 - All décor should be pre-treated with flame retardant liquids.
 - No smoking should be allowed in any enclosed areas.
 - Think about the fire risk posed by litter building up on the site.
 - All exits should be clearly signed and illuminated as required.
 - People should be able to walk to safety
- along a clearly recognisable route by their own unaided efforts, regardless of where a fire may break out at the venue.
 - Consider arrangements for people with disabilities.
 - People will often try to leave the site the way they entered. Where this is not possible because of the position of the fire or smoke, stewards should be trained to route people away from the fire to a place of safety.
 - Ensure that there is a sufficient number of exits for the number of people present.
 - Exits should be unlocked and staffed by stewards throughout the event.

Further guidance can be found in the Fire Safety risk assessment; open-air events and venues guide which available on the Gov.uk website or on this link www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/14891/fsra-open-air.pdf

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