

<b>Greentop Circus</b>		<b><i>Risk Assessment</i></b>	
<b>Activity:</b>	Equilibristic Also applicable to equilibristic; please see ground based and building risk assessments	<b>Assessed By:</b>	Tim Byrom
<b>Location:</b>	Greentop Community Circus Centre Outreach	<b>Approved By:</b>	Teo Greenstreet
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Hazard	Consequences	Persons affected	Severity	Likelihood	Total Risk	Existing Control Measures (Where appropriate)	Severity	Likelihood	Total Risk
Falling	Major Injury	Equilibrist	3	4	12	Use of good quality, appropriately placed crash mats and judo mats when teaching and training. Use of knee pads, elbow pads, wrist guards etc. where appropriate. Identifying the entire area into which you might fall and ensuring that there are no objects, walls or people within it. Avoid attempting moves at height where the likelihood of failure is high and the consequences could be severe. Knowledge of good technique and appropriate responses when falling. Use spotters where appropriate. Those training independently to be assessed as competent to train equilibristics independently and therefore have sufficient knowledge of how to keep themselves safe. Teachers follow Greentop's Teacher's handbook or trainers follow Principles of Safe Training through teacher and independent training induction and posted on noticeboard	2	4	8
Impact of equilibrist with others	Major Injury	Equilibrist and other people present	5	3	15	Equilibrist to be clear about the area into which they might fall. Make this clear to all others if necessary by marking area out or through verbal communication. Do not continue training the move if there is a likelihood that others will enter this space.	3	2	6
Impact of equipment with equilibrist or	Major Injury	Equilibrist and other people present	4	3	12	Equilibrist to be clear about the area into which the equipment might fall. Make this clear to all others if necessary by marking area out or	4	2	8

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others						through verbal communication. Do not continue training the move if there is a likelihood that others will enter this space. Use of safety equipment or spotters if appropriate to protect equilibrist from collision with equipment.			
Muscle strain / Injury	Minor injury	Equilibrist	2	3	6	Ensure that all equilibrists warm up and down appropriately for the level and duration of training- in classes and workshops this is the tutor's responsibility. Those training independently have been assessed as competent and should understand this. Training should include appropriate strengthening exercises for the activities. Selection of moves taught/trained to be appropriate in level for those attempting them. Teaching and application of good technique. Tutors to ask participants about existing injuries prior to training, and avoid practice that may aggravate these injuries. Those training independently to be made aware of the potential risks of training on injuries.	2	3	6
Equipment failure	Major injury	Equilibrist	4	3	12	Visual inspection of equipment before use to check welds, screws, bolts etc. If there is any doubt physically test the equipment e.g. try to wobble a stilt foot plate if you think it's loose.	4	2	8
Environmental Factors	Major Injury	All people present	4	3	12	Visual Inspection of equipment and environment including whether the ground / floor is flat, smooth and solid. Also whether it is wet or has any liquid or dust that could cause slippage, and whether nearby loose items (including leaves, litter) could fall or blow into the area and cause an accident. A similar visual inspection to be done for the environment overhead. Consideration of the movement of the public if in a public space. Ensure necessary space around and above.	3	2	6

A safeguarding issue occurs whilst participants are under the care of Greentop	Child or vulnerable adult harmed. Reputation damage to Greentop. Potential for being subject to legal procedure	Staff, centre users and public	3	2	6	All staff and freelance contractees are inducted in Safeguarding policy and procedure. All users informed via noticeboard and web site	3	1	1
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**RISK ASSESSMENT MATRIX**

RISK						
Severity	5	5	10	15	20	25
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	1	1	2	3	4	5
	1	2	3	4	5	
	Likelihood					

SEVERITY	
5	Multiple fatality
4	Fatality
3	Major injury
2	Minor injury
1	Negligible impact

LIKELIHOOD	
5	Almost Certain
4	Probable
3	Possible
2	Remote
1	Improbable

The aim is to reduce the risk by prevention or control measures so far as is reasonably practicable.

**Explanatory Note:**

**Risk**

16-25	Very high (Do not proceed without authorisation from the Directorate)
12-15	High
6-10	Medium
1-5	Low

**Likelihood**

Almost certain	Self explanatory
Probable	More likely than not to occur
Possible	Has the potential to occur
Remote	Unlikely to occur
Improbable	Occurrence is extremely unlikely

**Severity**

Multi fatality	Self explanatory
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Fatality	Self explanatory
Major injury	Reportable incident under RIDDOR such as fracture of bones, dislocation, amputation, occupational diseases (e.g. asthma, dermatitis), loss of sight.
Minor injury	First aid administered. This would include minor, cuts, bruising, abrasions and strains or sprains of ligaments, tendons, muscles
Negligible impact	Self explanatory