

Activity Area:	Circus Skills – Outside area
Minimum Staffing Level	1
Staff/Pupil Ratio	1:16
Staff Qualifications	In House Trained
Maximum Number of Participants	20
Role of Accompanying Adult:	Supervision of group

Risk Matrix	Likelihood			
	Very Likely	Likely	Unlikely	Highly Unlikely
Fatality	High -16-	High -15-	High -14-	Medium -13-
Major Injuries	High -12-	High -11-	Medium -10-	Medium -9-
Minor Injuries	High -8-	Medium -7-	Medium -6-	Low -5-
Negligible Injuries	Medium -4-	Medium -3-	Low -2-	Low -1-

Hazard	Persons at Risk	Prior Risk	Existing Controls	New Risk Factor
Struck with the Diablo when thrown	Participants Instructors Observers	High 12	Demonstrate safe use with the equipment. Allocate a safe area to use the equipment. Don't allow the students to throw the equipment too high at the start.	Medium 10
Diablo lands on participants foot	Participants Instructors Observers	Medium 4	Before carrying out the activity make sure the participants are wearing suitable footwear.	Low 2
Hitting someone with the Diablo sticks	Instructors Observers Participants	High 12	Demonstrate safe use with the equipment. Allocate a safe area to use the equipment. Misuse of equipment to be controlled and used asked to leave if poor actions continue.	Medium 10
Juggling balls/bags splitting and beans getting into eyes	Instructors Observers Participants	High 12	Regularly do safety checks on the equipment making sure the seams are not fraying. Allocate a safe area to store the equipment	Medium 10
Juggling balls/bags splitting and beans getting inhaled or ingested causing choking	Instructors Observers Participants	High 16	Regularly do safety checks on the equipment making sure the seams are not fraying. Allocate a safe area to store the equipment.	Medium 13
Struck with the Devil Stick when in use	Participants Instructors Observers	High 8	Demonstrate safe use with the equipment. Allocate a safe area to use the equipment. Do not allow the participants to throw the equipment too high or get carried away at the start.	Medium 6
Devil Stick dropped on foot	Participants	Medium 4	Before carrying out the activity make sure the participants are wearing suitable footwear.	Low 2
Hitting someone with the Devil stick sticks	Instructors Observers Participants	High 12	Demonstrate safe use with the equipment. Allocate a safe area to use the equipment. Misuse of equipment to be controlled and used asked to leave if poor actions continue.	Medium 10
Struck in face with Spinning Plate	Participants Instructors Observers	High 12	Demonstrate safe use with the equipment. Allocate a safe area to use the equipment.	Medium 10
Poked in the eye with Spinning Plate stick	Instructors Observers Participants	High 12	Demonstrate safe use with the equipment. Allocate a safe area to use the equipment. Do not play about with the equipment i.e. poke in the eye.	Medium 10
Struck with the juggling balls/bags	Participants Instructors Observers	High 12	Demonstrate safe use with the equipment. Allocate a safe area to use the equipment. Do not allow the participants to throw the equipment too high or get carried away at the start.	Medium 10

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			Only give them soft balls/bags to juggle with.	
Adverse weather conditions	Participants Instructors Observers	High 8	Weather reports monitored. Activity stopped during electrical storms, high winds and heavy rain.	Medium 6
Slips, Trips and Falls	Instructors Participants Observers	High 8	Bangs and scrapes are minimised by disciplined instruction being maintained at all times. First aid kit available at all times. Instructor to indicated where to put equipment once the user has finished with the item.	Low 5
Vehicles	Instructors Participants Observers	High 16	Speed limit imposed on vehicles driving on site. Participants reminded of out of bounds areas prior to activity commencing.	Medium 13

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