

Risk Assessment: Juggling and other hand held circus skills such as devil stick, cigar boxes, spinning cloth, diabolo

Hazard	At Risk	Likelihood	Control Measures	Likelihood After Control
Risk of audience being struck by a prop	Audience	Low	Artist to make sure audience is an appropriate distance from the performance either by verbal communication or by marking out an area. Be clear about the area in which an object might fall. Most props are lightweight and are thus unlikely to cause harm. Heavier or more dangerous props are juggled well within the capabilities of the artist and at least two metres from the audience.	Very low
Risk of artist being struck by a prop	Artist	Medium	Artist well trained and knows their abilities. Most props are lightweight and thus unlikely to cause harm. Heavier or more dangerous props are juggled well within the capabilities of the artist. For outdoor performances, assess weather conditions including wind, rain, sun and modify or postpone performance if conditions are deemed too hazardous.	Low
Risk of audience or artist tripping on a dropped prop	Artist, audience	Low	Any dropped props are immediately retrieved by the artist or assistant.	Very low
Risk of props striking ceiling and/or surroundings	Artist, audience	Medium	Artist carries out an appropriate visual inspection prior to the performance, checking the height of the ceiling and the nature of the surroundings. Artist throws props in accordance with his surroundings and performs at an appropriate distance from other artefacts.	Very low
Risk of muscle strain	Artist	Medium	A suitable warm up is carried out prior to long or strenuous performances. Artist performs within their capabilities and takes regular breaks where necessary.	Low
Injury due to equipment failure	Artist	Low	Regular inspection of equipment carried out, particularly at joints and checking for loose screws.	Very low
Slips, trips and falls due to environmental factors	Artist, audience	Low	Appropriate visual inspection of the performance space carried out prior to start. Identify and obstacles or any wet/undulating/loose ground that may provide a hazard. Ensure space is adequate for performance.	Very low