

Aycliffe & Brancepeth Band Risk Assessment. Applies to all rehearsals, engagements and functions.

Hazard Identified	Persons at Risk	Risk	Measures required to control the risk
Injury from handling heavy/large equipment or dangerously stored equipment	Band members. Members of public	Medium	Use appropriate strategies for moving/handling equipment eg. request assistance from a second person. Band members to ensure stored equipment is adequately and safely stored/stowed to eliminate risk of equipment shifting unexpectedly and causing injury and to facilitate safe access to stowed equipment.
Traffic/crossing roads. Traffic in car parks	Band members - particularly elderly, vulnerable, under 18s	Medium	Band members to be mindful of road safety and to be aware of limited visibility when carrying equipment eg. in low light conditions. Under 18s to be supervised appropriately around roads/car parks or other areas where traffic may cause a hazard.
Winter weather conditions	Band members - particularly elderly, vulnerable, under 18s	Medium	Band members to be mindful of the potential dangers. Any member that discovers a hazard such as ice trip/slip hazard to notify other Band members in that area.
Extreme weather at outdoor engagements	Band members - particularly elderly, vulnerable, under 18s	Medium	Band members to ensure that they are prepared for any inclement or hot weather conditions. The Committee will decide if an engagement is to be cancelled and ensure Band members are notified of the decision in good time.
Trip hazards such as music stands and equipment cases	Band members. Members of public	Low	Stands to be placed appropriately and equipment cases to be stowed safely maintaining clear walkways/fire exits.
Loud noise	Band members. Members of public	Low	Band members to move seats or wear ear protection if they consider noise to be excessive. Close audience to be advised to move seats if they consider noise to be excessive.
Stranger danger/safeguarding	Band members - particularly elderly, vulnerable, under 18s	Low	Vulnerable Band members to be appropriately supervised.
Sudden/serious illness	Band members	Low	A mobile phone to be available to contact emergency services, parents, carers or family members.
Fire at venue. Emergency evacuation situation	Band members	Low	Band members to take reasonable precautions to prevent sources of ignition eg. not covering heaters with equipment. Band members to take note of fire exits and emergency evacuation procedures. Vulnerable Band members may need supervision/assistance in the event of an evacuation. In an emergency, all Band personnel to be accounted for. At no time should Band members risk their lives: evacuate immediately and call emergency services.
Security of money, valuables and instruments	Band members.	Low	Band members to be aware that any money, valuables and instruments should be stored securely.