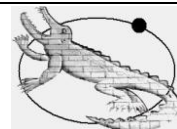


Department of Physics



Risk Assessment: Cambridge Physics Centre Lectures

Description of your Activity

School visits to listen to lecture which will take place in the Pippard Lecture Theatre.

Identified Hazards

Stairs
Folding chairs
Lecture demonstrations

Don't forget the potential for slips, trips and falls, sharp edges, trapped fingers, electrical hazards, cold burns, things getting in people's eyes, things falling on people's feet.

Who those hazards affect

Examples are:

Audience (adults and children aged 16-19)

Note: children are given special consideration in law. You cannot assume that they will read warnings or take notice of them.

Reasonably foreseeable outcome

Bruised knees, sore fingers due to being trapped in the chairs (i.e. minimal)

Anything that could lead to injury, especially one requiring medical treatment is potentially very serious.

How are you going to set up your event to prevent them from coming to harm?

1. For the duration of the school visit teachers remain responsible for their students and should ensure that they behave sensibly which includes NOT running on site.
2. At the start of each lecture the audience will be made aware of the emergency exits in the case of a need to evacuate.
3. Lecture demonstrations will take place well away from the audience and only audience seating in a safe location will be made available to take in to consideration the nature of any specific demonstrations.

Prompts: Avoid trailing electrical cables, pay great attention to layout. Ensure that they cannot reach things that are too cold. Keep your tools well out of reach. Avoid having things with sharp edges close to the edge of the table (for some children this will be exactly their eye height!)

The objective is to avoid anyone having a need for a first aider, or worse!

Signed...

(print name)...Dr Lisa Jardine-Wright

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