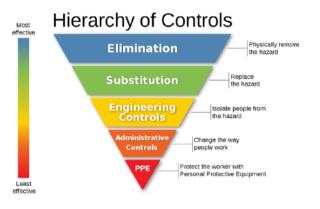
Assessing & Managing Risk in Costume Departments

As an employer you (as an HOD) and your production are required by law to protect your employees, and others, from harm.

Under the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations (1999) the minimum you must do is:

- · Identify what could cause injury or illness (SIGNIFICANT hazards)
- Decide how likely it is that someone could be harmed and how seriously (risk)
- Take action to eliminate the hazard, or if this isn't possible, control the risk

To help assess risk we use a hierarchy of controls to ensure safe practises -



Guidance notes

Hazards should be listed in the order in which they are likely to appear.

These hazards are likely to be applicable to the majority of shoots:

Slips, trips & falls Trailing cables Manual handling Hazardous substances These may be applicable in particular circumstances:

Weather – extreme heat, extreme cold Content of shoot – stunts, inclusion of firearms etc. Split days & Night Work Firearms Nudity

- Please note, these suggestions are in no way intended to be exhaustive or constitute all of the hazards that may be associated with your shoot.
- Each new production requires you to produce a Risk Assessment that is RELEVANT to that particular show.
- It should be understood that a Risk Assessment is a dynamic document and can (and should) be amended as and when new hazards are identified.
- Ensure that all members of the department have read and understand the Risk Assessment. If you are given an RA you HAVE to follow it.
- All members of the department, no matter how junior, should be made aware of their responsibility to abide by and contribute to the department Risk Assessment.
- Reporting of breaches should be without prejudice.

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"PRODUCTION NAME" COSTUME DEPARTMENT RISK ASSESSMENT

Head of Department:	Mobile Phone:
Specific Filming Date(s): "enter date(s)" This risk assessment covers the filming of "Production Name". Additional risk ass shoot.	essments may be required in due course if new/unforeseen hazards are encountered during the

Department member	Relevant qualifications & Position
	Costume designer
	Costume supervisor
	Costume standby
	Costume trainee
	(add as required)

Notes regarding Emergency Arrangements during filming:

We, the Costume Department team:

- will follow all existing or temporary emergency procedures which may be in place at a location these will be notified to crew by the 1st AD prior to work commencing.
- will ensure that we attend any safety briefings specific to our tasks and act upon the advice given which may include the wearing of personal protective equipment.
- understand the Production's fire safety arrangements for identifying missing persons at an emergency assembly point (which should include which 'Buddy Group' the Costume Department is part of and the other crew members they will assemble with).
- the need to report all accidents, no matter how trivial.
- will report any hazards to the 1st AD which they feel are dangerous and require additional controls to be put in place.

We also understand that a Unit Medic will be part of the daily filming crew.

Distribution List	Additional Distribution List			
Producer	Line Producer		Insurers	
Members of costume department	H&S/Risk Assessment File		Other HoD's	
Health & Safety				

Ref No:	Hazards identified as part of the filming process which impact the costume team and other persons

01	 GENERAL Allergies: Washing machine detergents, softeners and other substances in use (perfumes, enzymes in biological powders/liquids etc.) Jewellery (gold, gold-tone, white metals etc.) Certain fabrics (wool in particular) Latex
02	GENERAL Working with children and young persons (cast & SAs)
03	GENERAL Stunts
04	GENERAL Weather - effects of weather on filming activities
05	GENERAL Split day/night shoot working
06	GENERAL Fatigue – Affects of long hours / stress on Costume Department crew during filming. Postural strain - height of work surfaces and chairs.
07	COSTUME TRUCK/DEPARTMENT BASE Electricity – e.g. Using generator & commercial supplies; practical electrical equipment - i.e. irons, steamers etc. Maintenance and testing of equipment.
08	COSTUME TRUCK/DEPARTMENT BASE Washing/cleaning
09	COSTUME TRUCK/DEPARTMENT BASE Hazardous and Flammable substances. Breakdown areas.
10	COSTUME TRUCK/DEPARTMENT BASE Manual Handling Operations – heavy / awkward shaped equipment, bags etc. Moving kit and heavy costumes.
11	WORKING ON SET/LOCATION Manual Handling Operations – heavy / awkward shaped equipment, bags etc. Moving kit and heavy costumes.

12	WORKING ON SET/LOCATION Slips, trips and falls – stray cables, loose equipment, slippery / uneven surfaces, steps.
13	WORKING ON SET/LOCATION Roads – Costume crew working in / on / next to the public highway, pavements, pedestrian areas.
14	WORKING ON SET/LOCATION Security – of costume equipment, personnel and vehicles on location.
	Firearms
	Nudity

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GENERAL -	Allergic reaction to	All costume team, cast	9	Members of the team should disclose existing	2	All members of the
ALLERGIES	-	and SAs -	Likely/	/ known allergies to the designer &/or	Unlikely/	department to be vigilant
(Ref 01)	• detergents	Acute allergic	Moderate	supervisor so that the necessary precautions may be taken (i.e. changing brand / type of	Negligible	Overseen by designer and supervisor.
	• jewellery	reaction		detergent, ensuring PPE such as gloves are used when working with detergents and other		Every possible care will be taken to keep costume
	• latex	Dermatitis		chemicals).Ask all cast and SAs if they have any allergies		department items safe and clean for all concerned.
	certain fabrics	Development of long- term (chronic) health		or skin conditions which the team should be aware of		Be aware that allergies can develop overnight.
	 other chemical substances 	conditions due to over exposure to certain substances		 Where jewellery / fabric reacts with skin to leave marks it should be changed for an alternative. 		
				 PPE/Gloves to be provided and worn, where necessary and possible 		

GENERAL - Child protection WORKING WITH Child protection CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (Ref 02) Image: Child protection	2 Unlikely/ Negligible		1 Extremely unlikely/ Negligible	involved in filming
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GENERAL - STUNTS (Ref 03)	 Incorrect preparation of stunt requirements Inhibition of movement of cast/stunt person 	Cast and stunt team	15 Likely/ Severe	 Adequate advance notice of cast/stunt doubles in order to provide costume requirements Clear guidance should be given from relevant departments on requirements pertaining to safety Stunt padding / helmets / harnesses / safety equipment should be supplied and supervised by the Stunt Co-ordinator (via Production) Costumes will be chosen to accommodate said items as far as possible No last minute changes to stunt work that affects costume requirements 	6 Unlikely/ Moderate	Stunt co-ordinator is your authority

	GENERAL - WEATHER (Ref 04) Adverse weather conditions All cast and crew - bigh winds, heavy rain, thunder & lightning, icy conditions) can have serious safety consequences for filming activities. All cast and crew - bigh winds, heavy rain, thunder & lightning, icy conditions) can have serious safety consequences for filming activities. 9 Likely/ Moderate • The possible impact of poor weather conditions shall be taken into account by Production when planning and back-up plans should be in place to deal with such (i.e. weather cover). 9 Where Costume crew are required to work outdoors in inclement weather, we will be adequately prepared and have good quality outdoor clothing and footwear available for use as required to meet the forecast conditions. 9 Ikely/ Negligible • Being well pre- ensuring all c equipment (ic when requires for example) on crew more adequately prepared and have good quality outdoor clothing and footwear available for use as required to meet the forecast conditions. 10 In hot, sunny weather, adequate measures will be in place to protect the Costume crew from sunburn, dehydration etc (i.e. Production to provide a good quality sun cream and drinking water on set).
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GENERAL - SPLIT DAY & NIGHT WORK (Ref 05)	Tiredness	All department crew - • Tiredness increases the likelihood of accidents happening	9 Likely/ Moderate	 Base and walkways around it and the location itself should be adequately lit using work- lamps / tower-lamps – including the need for lighting on wrap for a safe de-rig and egress from the location. Costume crew are to be advised to dress warmly and sensibly for the conditions, especially when filming outdoors. Hot drinks should be readily available throughout the shoot. 	4 Unlikely/ Slight	 Location/Unit manager to oversee location requirements Costume crew could carry a torch as part of their personal kit for when required.
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GENERAL - FATIGUE (Ref 06)	Tiredness	 All department crew - Musculoskeletal injuries associated with poor posture Increased risk of accidents, incidents and illness due to tiredness caused by poor working conditions, long hours, work schedule, stress 	9 Likely/ Moderate	 Production must take full account of fatigue as a significant risk when setting up working schedules and also accounting for travelling times to and from sets. This must allow for the get-in and striking after wrap. Production management will ensure that the Department's minimum 'turn-around' time (11 hours) is respected at all times. The costume supervisor will ensure that rest days are recognised and taken by the team. Dailies are to be used if required to provide cover for crew taking rest days. 	4 Unlikely/ Slight	 1st Assistant Director/ Production Management for scheduling issues. All members of the Costume Department (action to be overseen by HoD)

COSTUME TRUCK & DEPARTMENT BASE - ELECTRICAL HAZARDS (Ref 07)	Utilising power from generated and commercial supplies and 'mains' electrical equipment.	 All department crew - Electrical shock or fire from faulty or incorrectly wired electrical equipment or power supply Burns from contact with hot electrical equipment Trip injuries from poorly managed cable runs 	12 Likely/ High	 The costume truck will be in good, safe working order from an electrical point of view. The fixed wiring circuits and power outlets will be tested to meet the requirements of BS7671 and a safety test certificate will be issued by the Facility Company to the Production to confirm that this has been carried out within the last year. Fixed appliances (washing machines, dryers etc) must be in good condition and working order and must be safety checked by a competent person at regular intervals for evidence of damage, fluff build-up in dryers (fire hazard) etc. All portable practical electrical appliances in use by the Costume team shall be subject to regular maintenance and inspection for signs of damage. In the case of the latter the equipment should be replaced / repaired as soon as possible. Part of the maintenance regime with portable electrical equipment may include PAT testing and this should be arranged by the Production team where equipment has not been recently tested. Great care will be exercised when using equipment which intentionally gets hot i.e. irons, steamers etc. These should be used only by competent persons and not left unattended when switched on or whilst cooling (risk of burns injury to unsuspecting persons). Cable runs will be pro-actively managed with the prevention of trip hazards in mind – this may require ramps, mats, tape or flying cables overhead. 	4 Unlikely/ Slight	 Facilities department/Unit manager All members of the Costume Department (action to be overseen by HoD)

COSTUME TRUCK & DEPARTMENT BASE - ELECTRICAL HAZARDS (Ref 07) cont.				 Ensure visual checks of equipment and cables are carried out by team members before each use to check for damaged cables, loose plugs etc. Electrical appliances should not be used when there is wet flooring, surfaces, puddles or flooding in the area. Keep fire exits clear 		
COSTUME TRUCK & DEPARTMENT BASE - WASHING/ CLEANING (REF 08)	Allergic reaction to - • detergents • jewellery • latex • certain fabrics • other chemical substances	 All department crew - Dermatitis Acute allergic reactions Development of chronic health conditions due to over exposure to certain substances 	9 Likely/ Moderate	 Identify any allergies in the team. Minimise the amount of time hands are in contact with water. Dry hand thoroughly after washing. Use mild soap and barrier creams. Use products designed for sensitive skins. Ensure good ventilation. Ensure PPE is available, 	2 Unlikely/ Negligible	 All members of the Costume Department (action to be overseen by HoD)

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SET/LOCATION - MANUAL HANDLING OPERATIONS - MOVING KIT AND HEAYY

WORKING ON SET/LOCATION - SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS (Ref 11) Steps, stray cables, loose equipment, slippery / uneven ground and surfaces. All crew, cast and others - Bodily injury such as twists, sprains, cuts, bruises, dislocations and fractures	 Before allowing any persons to access the Costume truck, the Facilities team will ensure that the steps and handrail(s) are in position and secured so that they cannot move. The steps and handrails will be in good condition and not worn or wobbly. Steps should be NON-SLIP. The Costume team will check that these arrangements are in place before using the truck. Outside the truck there will be adequate work lighting to allow the steps to be used in the dark. All costume bags and kit will be stored safely when not in use on set to avoid creating trip hazards. Crew should take care not to rush or run. 	4 Unlikely/ Slight	All members of the Costume Department (action to be overseen by HoD)
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WORKING ON SET/LOCATION - SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS (Ref 11) cont.	 The risk of slips, trips and falls may increase - due to wet / slippery / greasy conditions underfoot. where appropriate, signage will be deployed by the Location team and / or announcements made to warn crew of the conditions underfoot. due to incorrect footwear being selected for the conditions underfoot - the Costume Designer will ensure that conditions underfoot are taken into account when selecting footwear for cast use on location, and crew will be advised in advance where possible where choice of footwear is a consideration in reducing the risks of a slip incident (i.e. choosing walking boots instead of smooth soled shoes / trainers). due to cables being run beneath certain types of rubber mat. 	
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WORKING ON	Costume crew	All crew, cast and	10	Any action or work which involves Costume	5	• 1 st Assistant Director and
SET/LOCATION	working in/on/next to the public	others -	Unlikely/ Severe	Department working on the highway for any length of time (as opposed to simply crossing	Extremely unlikely/	Location Manager are your
- Roads (Ref 12)	highway;	Contact with moving	Severe	the road when safe to do so) can only take	Severe	authority.
	pavements &	vehicles – full range		place under controlled road conditions.		 Hi-vis to be provided by locations department
	pedestrian areas.	of potential injuries to crew.		Public highway:Hi-visibility garments will be worn by all		·
				Costume Department crew when working in or		
		Distraction of motorists / other road		near any public road / area with vehicular access where we do not have total control.		
		users by the presence		Private and closed roads:		
		of the film unit		Hi-visibility garments will be worn as above on		
				any private or closed roads where there will be moving traffic (i.e. action / support / tracking		
				vehicles etc).		

WORKING ON SET/LOCATION - Roads (Ref 12) cont.	 NOTE: There may be instances when it is impractical to wear hi-vis garments during filming on the Public Highway on Private / controlled roads (i.e. due to reflections) – during the 'filming' of sequences so affected it may be permissible to remove the hi-vis garments for a take but these must be put back on by all at the earliest opportunity. Crew to be advised immediately whenever a road is 'unlocked' to allow movement of traffic. 		
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SET/LOCATION - Security – of costume	Loss of items through theft, unauthorised access to the building by persons unknown	All crew, cast and others	4 Likely/ Negligible	 Location Manager to ensure that adequate numbers of competent Security Officers are available to: ensure that unauthorised access to the location is avoided watch over unit equipment and vehicles parked at the location ensure the safety of Costume team working at the location assist members of the public or local residents who may be affected by the presence of the film unit 	1 Extremely unlikely/ Negligible	1 st Assistant Director, Location Manager and all Costume team are your authority.
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Risk Assessment Rating Table

Calculation of Risk (R)							Action Level
		Negligible (No/trivial Injury)	Slight (Injury/ First Aid)	Moderate (Serious In- jury)	High (Major Injury)	Severe (Multiple Injuries/ Death)	
Probability (P)	Extremely Unlikely	1	2	3	4	5	HIGH - Immediate action - Further controls needed - Further controls required to reduce level of risk
	Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10	
	Likely	3	6	9	12	15	MEDIUM - Justify or review for each work day
	Very Likely	4	8	12	16	20	
	Inevitable	5	10	15	20	25	LOW - no further controls required but kept under review
		Severity (S)					Low - no further controls required but kept under review

Assessment completed by:	Date of Assessment:						
(Name) COSTUME DESIGNER OR SUPERVISOR							
Risk Assessment authorised by:							
	ame) NE PRODUCER						