

RISK ASSESSMENT

Last Reviewed: May 2009

Venue: uStrike Ltd, Mid Wales Ten pin bowling Centre,
3rd floor, Agricultural House, Old Kerry road,
Newtown, Powys, SY16 1BS



Scope of assessment

The assessments cover bowling and general activities undertaken within uStrike premises by young people and children in organised groups. However these can be extended to adults as well. Premises and activities are regularly inspected and reviewed to ensure standards remain high. Should you have any queries regarding any of these issues then do please ask on site member of staff who will be only too please to assist.

Guidance On Safe Bowling

Bowling balls are heavy.

Grip them firmly using the three holes provided.

Ball returns at speed.

Keep your fingers away from the ball return flap.

Never put your hand in the ball return track.

The lanes are covered in oil and are very slippery.

When bowling never go beyond the foul line at the beginning of the lane.

If a ball gets stuck call for a member of staff to assist

If you spill any food or drink please tell a member of staff immediately it can make the floor very slippery.

First aid kit is available.

uStrike Ltd	Other Documents: None	Assessor: M Tharan	Assessment Date: 05 04 2009
		Review Date: What would prompt an earlier review? An incident accident or significant change in circumstances. Enforcing authority challenge	
Circumstance or activity: Bowling undertaken by young person/child			
Hazard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trapped hand between balls on return • Bruised / damaged fingers from not releasing the ball • Bruised / damaged feet from dropping the ball • Bruising / grazing from falling / tripping / not releasing the ball correctly • Bruising / damaged feet by the player releasing ball on back-swing • Minor physical injury by loss of Footing on Lanes 		Persons affected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Player - Player - Player , Others involved - Player - Player, Others behind - Player 	Persons especially at risk: Young person, persons with a disability
Severity of Harm: medium		Likelihood of harm: Medium	
Existing steps to reduce the risk: Children are under supervision, signage on lanes warning of slippery floor and lanes, un-oiled gap at start of lanes Signage and flap on ball return. Teach Lane etiquette, Ensure correct footwear is worn, Ensure correct fit of ball, Ensure correct fit of ball Warning given to customers on reception when booking lanes, if necessary offer coaching session to ensure correct ball discipline. Safety briefing and demonstration at start of session – responsibility of school / youth service staff Employees assisting customers Good standards of hygiene and house keeping Good levels of lighting at lane approaches			
Residual risk (with existing controls): Low		Does more need to be done? Yes	
Additional controls necessary: Close monitoring of groups when bowling Cooperating with teachers and carers		Additional local controls necessary: Ensure spillage procedure is effective	
Person responsible: M Tharan		Review Record: 05/04/2009 (routine review), 05/04/2008 (Initial)	

uStrike Ltd	Other Documents: Site fire evacuation procedures Site fire risk assessment Fire log Lift fire safety	Assessor: M Tharan	Assessment Date: 05 04 2009
		Review Date: What would prompt an earlier review?: An incident accident or significant change in circumstances. Enforcing authority challenge	
Circumstance or activity: Fire evacuation from premises		Equipment / Location: various	
Hazard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injury, property loss and loss of business caused by fire in building • Fire caused by electrical fault arson smoking contractors hot work friction on machinery • Customers unable to exit building to a place of safety • Use of lift during fire 		Persons affected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anyone involved - " - " - " - " 	Persons especially at risk: Young person, persons with a disability
Severity of Harm: medium		Likelihood of harm: low	
Existing steps to reduce the risk: Building design in accordance with legislative requirements Regular fire checks undertaken in accordance with fire log Fire exits and evacuation routes kept clear and well signed Staff available to assist evacuation Suitable and efficient fire warning systems No smoking rules, CCTV systems Company monitoring systems ensure local management and staff adhere to rules			
Residual risk (with existing controls): Low			
Additional controls necessary: Teachers and carers need to familiarise themselves of local evacuation procedures.		Additional local controls necessary: Use of lift safety briefing and demonstration at start of session – responsibility of school / youth service staff	
Person responsible: M Tharan		Review Record: 05/04/2009 (routine review), 05/04/2009 (Initial)	

uStrike Ltd	Other Documents: None	Assessor: M Tharan	Assessment Date: 05 04 2009
	Review Date: What would prompt an earlier review?: An incident accident or significant change in circumstances. Enforcing authority challenge		
Circumstance or activity: Any activity in the customer area of the bowl			
Hazard: General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slips trips and falls (steps / change in levels) • Finger trapping in Self closing doors Consumption of food / drinks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burns / scalds • Food allergies • Food poisoning, Choking • Sale of alcohol 		Persons affected: - Anyone involved - " - " - " - " - "	Persons especially at risk: Young person, persons with a disability
Severity of Harm: medium		Likelihood of harm: low	
Existing steps to reduce the risk: All areas of the bowl kept tidy and standards of housekeeping are good. Levels of lighting are adequate for activity Warning signage is posted to warn of slippery surfaces on lanes and lane approaches Spillages are dealt with quickly by trained employees Safety briefing to make group aware of hazards prior to visit at start of session. Adequate supervision whilst eating / drinking.			
Residual risk (with existing controls): Low			
Additional controls necessary: Ensure that floor surfaces are in good repair Good levels of local supervision		Additional local controls necessary: Warning given to Parents, Teachers or Careers on reception when booking lanes regarding the Self closing door and possible finger trapping.	
Person responsible: M Tharan		Review Record: 04/04/2009 (routine review), 05/04/2009 (Incident), 03/04/2008 (Initial)	