



EVENT PRELIMINARY RISK ASSESSMENT

Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2017

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Appendix 14.3 of Event Plan - Risk Assessment

A risk assessment takes account of the main hazards associated with the event and identifies the proposed control measures that would be implemented to mitigate the hazards and resulting risks. Based on previous similar events the following are key hazards that are likely to be encountered at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2017. The control measures will ensure appropriate consideration to the General Principles of Prevention as specified in the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005.

Hazard	Proposed Control Measures	Comments
<p>Overcrowding of streets in the town centre</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active monitoring of the streets by Deputy Event Controller and Safety Officer, key potential pinch points will be identified prior to the event and will be subject to additional supervision. This will be achieved by a presence on the ground, CCTV available in Event Control Room and elevated vantage points where available. • One way pedestrianised systems may be implemented at peak times, on occasions where the streets are at maximum capacity it may be required to temporarily close pedestrianised access to various areas if this is deemed appropriate, this decision will be made by the Event Controller and Senior Guard on duty. • Provision will be made to close access at short notice if required by e.g. having barriers available at strategic locations. • Key personnel to be briefed at to these procedures prior to the event (this includes Safety Officer, Security Personnel and Street Stewards) • No privately owned street furniture to be permitted on public pedestrian footpaths, lanes etc. Note this to be enforced on an as needs basis. • In some case it may be a requirement to restrict music performances on streets where congestion is likely. This may be the case in Abbey Street. • No amplified music on streets as per Clare County Council Bye- Law 2017. This to be enforced on an as needs basis. • Signage in place to direct persons to relevant areas. 	<p>Please refer to Fleadh Pedestrian Management Plan Document.</p> <p>Similar crowd management procedures have been deployed for previous Fleadhanna in Cavan and Sligo.</p>

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Overcrowding of venues such as indoor venues and temporary structures such as marquees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All venues inspected by the fire officer and safety officer prior to the event, the fire officer will determine the capacities and these will be adhered to by active management of each venue. Capacities to be displayed in each venue. Many of the venues used in 2016 are available again for use at the event in 2017. • All venues managers and stewards will be subject to appropriate training in their duties and in the importance of adhering to fire safety protocols such as evacuations procedures and ensuring that capacities are not exceeded. • All venues will also be subject to inspections during the event by the safety officer. • Layout mapping provided for temporary structures, ticket sales not to exceed capacities. 	<p>Each venue to have a dedicated venue manager to be provided by the event organisers. These persons to be named prior to the event. Note in larger venues such as the Domes Venue Managers a radio will be supplied to ensure greater communication with Event Control.</p>
Overcrowding in Abbey Street Car Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacities have been determined and are detailed in the relevant plan for Abbey Street Events. The exit capacity is less than the holding capacity and is therefore the capacity to be adhered to. • Security staff clicking in and out of the car park with regular updates to Event Controller • Safety Officer/Security Lead present for the duration of events in this area, ongoing monitoring. • Emergency procedures in Medical Plan and Abbey Street Car Park Plan including emergency announcements. 	<p>Refer to Abbey Street Car Park Plan.</p>

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<p>Overcrowding of campsite Fire safety at campsite</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacities as set out in the “Code of Practice for Outdoor Pop Concerts and other musical events 1996” will be adhered to in relation to campsite densities, separation distances as set out by the fire officer will be adhered to. • Campsite will be subject to inspection by the Safety Officer and Fire Officer. • Appropriate firefighting equipment to be provided at all campsites at required distances as advised by the fire officer, fire points to be clearly indicated. • Emergency routes provided and kept clear. • No bonfires or barbecues other than in designated areas, this to be enforced by campsite stewards carrying out regular patrols. • No parking in proximity of tents. 	<p>Campsite manager in place at Clarecastle. Event Organisers and relevant statutory agencies will liaise directly with the Campsite Manager/Committee.</p>
<p>Slips, trips and falls at campsite Glass injuries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refuse points provided around the site, subject to regular servicing. • Campers using tents advised to keep guy ropes etc. as short as possible. • Lighting provided at all times to ensure appropriate visibility is available to patrons. • No glass permitted onto campsite, particularly tented areas, bag and tag at entrance. • Ground conditions are maintained in appropriate condition, to be under regular review. 	

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Temporary structures- Staging- Gig Rig Instability-Collapse Stages at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abbey Street Car Park • Fleadh TV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staging and temporary structures will be subject to handover certification provided by supplier(s). • Wind loadings have been advised with anemometers fitted to stages at Fleadh TV & Abbey Street Car Park. • Stage loadings not to be exceeded, loadings available through specifications provided by suppliers. • Staging will also be subject to review by the Safety Officer. • Generator(s) to be fenced off and secured against unauthorised access. • Portable firefighting equipment to be provided at stage area. (ABC Powder &/or Co2 • Mojo barrier to be installed at stage front area of sufficient strength. 	<p>Gig Rig area will be subject to ongoing monitoring by Safety Officer/Deputy Event Controller and professional security personnel</p>
Temporary Structures -Domes fire Safety/structural capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domes will be subject to handover certification by provider as well as independent structural engineer. • All temporary electrical connections and emergency lighting to be subject to appropriate certification by registered electrical contractor • Certification to be provided for all linings and drapes used in the domes. • Capacities will be set and adhered to as per exit/holding capacity whichever is the lesser. • Portable firefighting equipment to be provided in marquee(s) 	<p>Domes will host key events such as Senior Ceili band competition and various concerts. Note additional large dome at West County Hotel, to be subject to similar measures.</p>
Lack of stewarding/Security provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSA registered professional security company have been engaged to provide professional assistance at the event, key areas of operation will be Gig Rig/Abbey Street Car Park, campsites and streets/performance areas. • The Fleadh relies on a large volunteer element in the provision of assistance with various aspects such as providing information, stewarding and issuing of information to the general public. • In previous Fleadhanna there were in the region of 1,000 volunteers available to the organisers. These persons will be trained via event specific sessions. 	<p>Security Control and Team Leaders in place. Stewarding chairperson in place with Team Leaders.</p>

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Casual Trading Unauthorised trading- Traders not meeting required standards regarding EHO requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated casual trading areas to be allocated with trading not permitted in all other areas, this will be enforced by Event Control in conjunction with professional security with enforcement powers from the local authority. • Tow truck will be available if required. • EHO and Fire officer to be given advance notice of names of trader and the locations that they will be situated. • Appropriate separation distance will be provided for as per Fire Officer requirements. • Separate welfare facilities will be provided for casual traders. 	<p>Ongoing monitoring of casual trading (authorised and unauthorised will be carried out during the event). Unauthorised casual trading will be moved/relocated as applicable, this to be carried out by security with Event Control and Local Authority involvement as appropriate.</p>
Medical provision/Lack of/additional impact on HSE services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Coordinator has been selected and will be integral to the medical planning and medical provision and operation during the event. • Civil Defence will be providing medical cover for the event, key areas of operation for ambulance(s) have been identified and will be incorporated into the draft Medical Plan. • Medical centre will be provided for appropriate treatments and assessment. • Sufficient medical cover will be provide at the event in cooperation with the HSE Emergency Planning Office. 	<p>Medical Draft Plan will be submitted as part of the licence application, the plan will be in the format specified by the HSE guidance document for event organisers.</p>
Lost children/Missing persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All stewards etc. briefed on correct procedure for repatriation etc. • Child ID wristbands to be made available to parents/guardians attending the event. • Lost children point has been designated at Garda Station. 	<p>Event Control will coordinate the appropriate response to missing children/adults.</p>

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Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional bins and waste storage facilities provided throughout the town, venues and campsite to reduce the potential build-up of waste materials. • Waste contractor will be engaged to ensure regular collections of waste materials/general refuse created by the event. • Numerous bins points with segregation encouraged through signage and separate waste bins at various locations. 	
Glass streets/campsites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All pubs to be advised that they will not be permitted to serve or allow glasses onto public streets. Plastic receptacles to be provided. • Bag and Tag system to be incorporated at campsites, all cars etc. to be checked prior to entry to campsites. 	These systems have been successful at previous Fleadhanna
Traffic Management/Traffic Congestion/Movement of vehicles and pedestrians in proximity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Traffic Management Plan will be developed and will be submitted with event licence application to local authority. This to be compiled by organisers in conjunction with An Garda Síochana and the Local Authority. • Only emergency vehicles to be allowed into pedestrianised streets, this to be enforced by security/stewarding with assistance from An Garda Síochana where required. • Street closures will be implemented as per Traffic Management Plan, note additional closures may be implemented on as need basis by Gardai. 	<p>Arrangements ongoing to secure the required amount of additional car parking spaces required for the event.</p> <p>Park and ride systems in place to reduce congestion</p> <p>Many venues for the Fleadh are in close proximity to each other thereby providing for reduced requirement for vehicular transport.</p>
Welfare Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional welfare facilities will be required for the event, temporary facilities will be provided and maintained for the duration of the event. • These welfare facilities will be provided at streets/performance areas and campsites where required. • Note some existing venues being used for the event will already have appropriate welfare facilities incorporated. 	These to be provided by competent supplier with arrangements for regular servicing.

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Adverse Weather (Wind/Flooding)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification acquired for all temporary structures with risk assessment to be provided from providers to take account of measures to be taken in the event of adverse weather, this may include adjustments to awnings etc. • Weather forecast will be considered when available in relation to the timings of the Fleadh. In the event of adverse weather forecasts the organisers will meet with the various statutory agencies in order to ensure agreed and appropriate arrangements are put in place to take account of the likely hazards arising. • Anemometer mounted to stages at Fleadh TV, Abbey Street C/P stage and Cusack Park Stage. 	<p>In the event of adverse weather forecasts it may be necessary to make alternative arrangements as may be appropriate depending on the nature and locations of hazards.</p> <p>Clare County Council Severe Weather Assessment Team available to Event Control for advise and forecasts.</p>
Disabled access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleadh locations and venues are fully accessible • Temporary welfare facilities be provided for the event. • Designated disabled parking spaces be provided • Stewards and volunteers will assist with any person requiring assistance or access where practicable. 	

