

FARMAGGEDON 2025  
RISK ASSESSMENT FOR CUSTOMERS VISITING FARMAGGEDON

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Hazard identified	How it can be caused	Existing Controls	Likelihood	Outcome	Risk level
Cuts & bruises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bumping into objects, fixtures &amp; fittings &amp; people</li> <li>- Moving around the site in differing light levels</li> <li>- Moving away from zombies</li> <li>- Being pushed in a crowd</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Site is generally flat with some uneven &amp; differing external surfaces and white lines marked on uneven internal floors.</li> <li>- Signs discouraging running located around the site.</li> <li>- Recommended on website (FAQ section) &amp; highlighted at the entrance that suitable footwear should be worn and that much of the event is outdoors and to come suitably dressed.</li> </ul>	2	2	4
Slips & trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moving away from zombies</li> <li>- Dark, narrow corridors in houses</li> <li>- Wet floors - spillages</li> <li>- Changes in floor surfaces</li> <li>- Inappropriate footwear</li> <li>- Steps on and off the paintball trailer</li> <li>- Entering &amp; exiting the funfair rides</li> <li>- Inclement weather – mud, puddles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All steps in scare houses are well lit</li> <li>- Steps on paintball trailers and in Contagion made of graded steel and have a handrail</li> <li>- Haunts not suitable for wheelchair users &amp; others with mobility issues, although they are welcome to come on site &amp; a concessionary rate is available – see access statement on website</li> <li>- Warning signs displayed outside each scare house of features to be alert for.</li> <li>- Stewards alert for safety issues and ensure they are dealt with promptly.</li> <li>- Staff monitor weather conditions and implement changes to routes &amp; attractions as required.</li> <li>- First aid provision available.</li> </ul>			
Customers attending with existing medical conditions & pregnant women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unexpected scares from sound and special effects</li> <li>- Fright – heart conditions</li> <li>- Strobe lighting – seizures, headaches</li> <li>- Shock, panic, fear, special effects - respiratory problems</li> <li>- Mobility issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Q&amp;A section on website explaining hazards and those who the haunts are not suitable for including age restrictions: <a href="http://www.farmagggedon.com">www.farmagggedon.com</a></li> <li>- Video clips available from links on website &amp; social media giving an idea of what to expect.</li> <li>- Warning signs up at entrance and outside each scare house detailing what special effects the house includes &amp; those persons it is not suitable for.</li> <li>- Evacuation procedures in place across the site in case of emergency</li> <li>- Paramedic first aid provision available on site</li> </ul>	2	3	6
Customers becoming scared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Underage children coming on site</li> <li>- Customers not knowing what to expect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum age of participants is 16 with proof of ID required.</li> <li>- No under 16's admitted even with an adult present</li> </ul>	3	1	3

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/ upset / distressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Phobias - clowns</li> <li>- Intensity of the experience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ID checks carried out as part of the entry process at the gate &amp; entry refused if necessary.</li> <li>- Ticket booking process clearly includes a screen stating that those under 16 will not be allowed entry.</li> <li>- Age restrictions on all literature, advertising &amp; website including FAQ section explaining the minimum age of attendance at the event.</li> <li>- Emergency exits located within the haunts if someone needs to be taken out and staff in haunts trained to be alert and deal with this.</li> <li>- Paramedic first aiders available to deal with panic attacks &amp; associated conditions.</li> <li>- Customers can leave the site if they wish, but cannot be readmitted.</li> </ul>			
Inappropriate / trouble causing behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Customers becoming scared</li> <li>- Groups of youngsters</li> <li>- Customers under the influence of drink or drugs</li> <li>- Overreaction to events</li> <li>- Response to injury or damage to personal property</li> <li>- Accessing unauthorised areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum age requirement for all customers</li> <li>- Challenge 25 policy enforced at all bars with security on the doors</li> <li>- Code of conduct issued to all groups prior to the event which must be signed by the group leader prior to the event.</li> <li>- Amnesty bin at entrance to the site for alcohol, drugs &amp; other potentially dangerous objects, followed by bag &amp; body checks by male &amp; female SIA door staff</li> <li>- SIA door staff on duty with body cameras.</li> <li>- CCTV installed over areas of the site</li> <li>- On admission, site rules are displayed to all customers regarding smoking in designated area, no flash photography in houses, no touching the actors, no trouble or you're out. Stewards enforce rules across the site.</li> <li>- Signs around the site informing customers that alcohol &amp; certain objects (umbrellas, large bags etc.) are not allowed in the scare houses.</li> <li>- Smoking is only permitted in the designated smoking area.</li> <li>- Security staff patrolling the site to deal with trouble makers and assist customers.</li> </ul>	2	2	4

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Emergency exit within the haunts in case anyone needs to be removed from a haunt.</li> <li>- Groups &amp; individuals persistently causing trouble / breaking the rules will be asked to leave the site.</li> </ul>			
Crowding & congestion causing distress, panic & crush injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Too many people gathering in one area due to timing of events</li> <li>- Unsupervised customers</li> <li>- Attractions too close together</li> <li>- Inclement weather causing customers to gather indoors / undercover</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The event covers a large site with attractions in different areas to spread the customers out and reduce queues &amp; crowding.</li> <li>- Staggered entry times to reduce queues at admissions and traffic on local roads.</li> <li>- Regular performances at the various stages and areas to keep numbers down and aid the customer experience.</li> <li>- Stewards located around the site to monitor queues &amp; bottle necks and to keep people moving.</li> <li>- Designated, spacious queue lines for attractions monitored constantly by stewards.</li> <li>- Several food court &amp; bar areas on site to reduce queues</li> <li>- Customers encouraged via FAQ's to dress for the weather</li> <li>- Additional toilets located around the site to reduce bottle necks</li> <li>- Radio system in place to alert stewards &amp; medics of problems and deploy staff to resolve all types of situations</li> </ul>	2	2	4
Emergency situations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ineffective instructions</li> <li>- Insufficient exits &amp; signage</li> <li>- Ineffective staff</li> <li>- Separation of groups in an evacuation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Daily checks of site, signage &amp; equipment made before use to highlight any issues.</li> <li>- Maintenance staff on call throughout the evening.</li> <li>- Fire &amp; emergency evacuation procedures in place &amp; training completed by all staff &amp; actors</li> <li>- All stewards carry evacuation instructions specific to their position / role each night and have received training in the evacuation procedure.</li> <li>- Procedures in place following an evacuation to reunite groups and locate missing persons.</li> <li>- Fire detection &amp; alarm system in place throughout the site.</li> <li>- Fire fighting equipment available &amp; some staff trained to use it.</li> </ul>	2	4	8

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		- Emergency lighting installed throughout the site. - Paramedic first aid provision available			
Safety of external activities brought on site	- Unsafe operating procedures - Unsafe equipment	- All external providers submit copies of their insurance, risk assessments and other relevant paperwork to the Farmagggedon team ahead of the event. - All external providers receive a copy of the Farmagggedon staff code of conduct and have a full health & safety induction to the site	2	4	8
COVID-19	- Airborne contamination from person to person & surface to surface - Customers at risk of passing on the virus - attending while showing symptoms - Poor personal hygiene of customers - Insufficient ventilation - Inadequate social distancing - Insufficient cleaning	- We will be following the Government guidance for COVID at the time of the event. - Customers & staff asked not to attend if showing Covid symptoms or feeling unwell. - Hand wash stations located around the site with hand sanitiser points at the entrance & exit of all attractions & refilled throughout the evening. - More attractions outside to reduce time spent indoors - Indoor areas ventilated as much as possible - A designated toilet cleaner on site each night to keep all toilets on site clean & working.	3	3	9
Other viral illnesses: colds, flu, gastro-intestinal	- Customers with symptoms attending - Poor personal hygiene	- All staff & stewards to clean their work areas during the evening focusing on hand contact surfaces and high-risk objects. - Customers & Staff can wear face masks in indoor areas and scare houses if they wish.			

**Risk Assessment Matrix**

Likelihood	Injury Outcome		Damage Outcome	Risk Level Scores
5 = Almost certain to	Death or Permanent Disability	5	Total destruction	10 – 25 High Risk
4 = Very likely	Hospitalisation	4	Significant damage	

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3 = Likely	Treatment by local doctor	3	Maintenance required before use can continue	7 – 9 Medium Risk	
2 = Unlikely	First Aid treatment	2	Repairs completed without disruption		
1 = Very unlikely	Discomfort	1	Slight scratches	1 – 6 Low Risk	

Notes:

- This risk assessment has been prepared by the staff of Farmaggedon as a general guide for visitors and visiting groups.
- Further information can be found in the Question & Answer section of the Farmaggedon website: [www.farmaggedon.com](http://www.farmaggedon.com) along with the Access Statement for the event.
- It must be remembered that Farmaggedon is a live performance and each night has the potential to be a slightly different experience for those attending.
- It is also impossible to know how people will react in and to situations until they actually experience them.
- We suggest that all group members have the mobile phone number of the rest of their group / group leader in their phone in case of emergency or separation.
- We suggest that any group members with respiratory conditions bring inhalers and any necessary medication with them.
- We recommend, based on past experience that group leaders be prepared for individuals to become upset and need escorting off site as soon as possible. Groups should ensure that they have sufficient adults to escort “distressed” individuals back to their vehicle and supervise them there without affecting the supervision requirements of those remaining on site.
- The team at Farmaggedon are constantly monitoring the COVID situation and are implementing changes to ensure the safety of all on site at all times. In the event of any changes to government guidance or legislation we will ensure that we are continuing to do all we can to deliver a safe event.