CLUB CORNER ONLINE SEMINAR

RISK ASSESSMENTS

They're actually quite straightforward

Introduction

- What is a risk assessment

- Why do a risk assessment

- Who should do the risk assessment

- Definitions: Hazard – Risk

- The 5 steps to assessing risk

- COVID Risk Assessments

Who has never conducted a risk assessment?

We have all conducted thousands of risk assessments.

Every time we cross the road, climb a ladder, drink a hot drink, climb in to a hot bath etc etc etc

Every time we go flying (think S.W.E.E.T.S)

What is a risk assessment?

The combined effort of: identifying and analysing potential events that may negatively impact people, property, and/or the environment; and making a decision "on the tolerability of the risk on the basis of a risk analysis" while considering influencing factors.

What is a risk assessment?

Put simply:-

The Risk Assessment is a tool by which we can manage Risk.

Why conduct a risk assessment?

Risk assessments are a necessary step in ensuring a safe model flying club site or event.

If you don't know or understand the hazards around you, you are putting yourself, your fellow flyers and the public at risk.

Who should conduct the assessment?

Any knowledgeable and competent individual.

An experienced model flyer

You do not need to be a professional assessor

Definition - Hazard

A **hazard** is something that can cause harm, e.g. electricity, chemicals, working up a ladder, noise, a propeller, a bully, stress, etc

Definition - Risk

A **risk** is the chance, high or low, that any hazard will actually cause somebody harm.

Risk Assessment in 5 steps

- Identify the hazards
- Assess the risks
- Control the risks
- Record your findings
- Review the controls

1. Identify the hazards

Look around your flying site and consider your activities and think what may cause harm

- How members operate and how they use their equipment
- What fuels are being used?
- What safe or unsafe practices exist?
- The general state of your flying site
- Members flying skills

2. Assess the risks

Once you have identified the hazards, decide how likely it is that someone could be harmed and how serious it could be.
This is assessing the level of risk.
Consider:

- Who might be harmed and how

- What you are already doing to control the risks

- What further action you need to take to control the risks

- Who needs to carry out the action

- When the action is needed by

3. Control the risks

Look at what you're already doing, and the controls you already have in place. Ask yourself:

- Can I get rid of the hazard altogether?

- If not, how can I control the risks so that harm is unlikely

3. Control the risks

If you need further controls, consider:

- Identifying and implementing practical measures needed

- Training and educating members

- Redesigning site layouts and features

Put the controls you have identified in place.

You're not expected to eliminate all risks

Do everything 'reasonably practicable' to protect people from harm

4. Record your findings

Record all significant findings, including:

- The hazards (things that can cause harm)

- Who might be harmed and how

- What you are doing to control the risks

- What further action do you need to take

- Who needs to carry out the action

- When is the action needed by

- When the action has been completed

4. Record your findings

Risk assessment template available from
https://clubsupport.bmfa.uk
Downloads section

Risk assessment

Club Name: [ ]   Assessment carried out by: [ ]

Date of next review: [ ]   Date assessment was carried out: [ ]

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?	Done

More information on managing risk: www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/

5. Review the controls

You should regularly review the controls you have put in place

to ensure they are working

Also review them if:

- They may no longer be effective

- After any incident leading to harm/damage

- After any near misses

- If members raise concerns

Update your risk assessment record with any changes you make

COVID Risk Assessments

Required to be COVID Secure and you want to have more than 6 people at your flying site

- Exactly the same 5 steps

- Targeted at hazards that may cause transmission of the virus.

Download a COVID Risk Assessment template from

https://clubsupport.bmfa.uk/6-steps-to-covid-secure

And Finally……

After completing a risk assessment don't just file it away.

Share it and any updates with all your members!

Thank you for listening

Any questions?

Club Support website

See https://clubsupport.bmfa.uk/