



Risk Assessment Information

The National Theatre is committed to providing its audience with a safe environment and an enjoyable visit.

Before you come, your school/college/university or organisation may wish to conduct its own risk assessment. While the National Theatre cannot write this risk assessment for you, we will help with information that you feel relevant (there is not a generic risk assessment available for attending a performance).

The three theatres and front of house areas are designed and maintained for public use.

We have a dedicated House Management Team who manages the safety of the public and between the hours of 09:30 and 23:00 there is a staffed information desk to assist with enquiries.

Children, young people or vulnerable people remain the responsibility of teachers, guardians, chaperones and must be accompanied at all times during their visit on both the inside and outside areas. We ask that there is one teacher for every 10 students and during the performance teachers sit amongst their students.

The National Theatre has policies, procedures and work practises in place and fire risk assessments are undertaken for each area of the building. In our dedication to the safety of our visitors and staff we will in particular ensure the following:

- Public areas will be kept clear of trip hazards
- Materials and paint used for front of house exhibitions will be suitable for public areas
- Temporary installations or events will be risk assessed
- All electrical equipment will be PAT tested and regularly assessed
- Any productions featuring strobe or loud gunshot effects will carry a visible warning
- Under our licensed conditions we are not permitted to do anything that would endanger our audience and all special effects will be licensed by Lambeth Council

We are licensed by Lambeth Council as a Place of Entertainment and comply with guidance given in Lambeth Councils *Rules of Management for Places of Entertainment*, including advice given on minimum standards of fire protection and maximum number of people permitted to be in the building at any one time. We are also advised on the number of fire exits, fire protection systems, permitted building and scenery materials and safe evacuation of the public and staff.

We are regularly inspected by Lambeth Council and the Fire Authority and in addition we have our own inspections conducted by qualified fire fighters before each performance. Fire fighters remain present for each performance. Fire Drills are practised before each performance by the House Management and Ushers.