

Potential Risks at Events

Risk Number	Hazard Risk	Potential Harm-Loss
1	Food & Drink distribution- vendors, etc.	Food Allergy
2	Food & Drink distribution- vendors, etc	Contamination
3	Water Refilling Station	Contamination
4	Fireworks Display	Fire, physical harm for spectators, technician harm
5	Weather-Winter Storm	Roads, parks, facilities covered in snow, icy conditions, etc.
6	Weather-Electrical Storm	Physical harms for participants, staff, vendors. Lightning strike, power surge, damages etc.
7	Weather- Wind Storm	Physical harm for participants, staff, vendors. Damage to property
8	Weather-Extreme Heat	Physical harm for participants, staff, vendors. Heat exhaustion, heat stroke etc.
9	Weather-Down Pour	Damage to property, assets
10	Crowds-lost person	High volume of spectators, lack of open space
11	Crowds-Capacity	High volume of spectators, lack of open space, surging
12	Vehicles in Park during setup and teardown	Parking and traffic control during setup and teardown of event.
13	Animal Exhibits	Animals biting spectators, improper storage/management, spooking, lack of a secured area, signage.
14	Structure Failure	Stage, tents, fencing-collapse or malfunction
15	Amusements, Bouncers, etc	Injury to event attendee, malfunction
16	Spectators bringing animals	Animal bite to another animal, animal bite to a person, lack of entrance, signage with rules.
17	Shuttle Service	Event attendee slips on shuttle, shuttle gets into an accident
18	Wagon Rides	Event attendee slips on wagon, falls from wagon, etc.
19	Unsupervised Swimming	Drowning, injury
20	Trip Hazards	Event attendee slips trips or falls
21	Contraband	Alcohol, narcotics, weapons
22	Alcohol Sold at Event	Over serving, intoxicated, event attendees, disturbances
23	Road Closure	Implementing a traffic control plan, vehicles within the road closure
24	Hazardous Materials	Propane, natural gas, ammonia, open flames, etc.

25	Medical Emergency	Heart attack, broken bones, etc.
26	Fire	Explosion, combustion, arson
27	Bomb Threat/Suspicious Package	Evacuation required, managing panic
28	Event Cancellation	Event organizer forced to cancel event for any reason
29	Criminal Activity	Injury, property, damage
30	Accessibility	Event is not fully accessible
31	Incorrect Information Posted	Media outlets information posted incorrectly
32	Protests	Political, social etc.
33	Unauthorized Activity	Acting above delegated limits
34	Weather-Extreme Cold	Physical harm for participants, staff, vendors. Hypothermia, frost bite etc.

Disclaimer: The list provided above is meant as a resource to assist your organization in identifying and assessing some risks associated with your event. This list is for general information purposes only and is not intended to identify or assess every risk that may apply to your event. Your organization is advised to identify and assess your own particular risks and to seek appropriate professional advice about any risks associated with your event. The Corporation of the City of Burlington, Halton Regional Police Service, The Regional Municipality of Halton Police Services Board, and The Regional Municipality of Halton (Emergency Medical Services) disclaim any responsibility for your organization's use of or reliance on this list and will not be liable for any damages whatsoever to your organization or any other person arising from or related to the use of or reliance on this list.