

COCKTAILHIRE

Generic Risk Assessment

1. Purpose

This generic risk assessment identifies common hazards associated with mobile bar and cocktail service operations and outlines the control measures in place to reduce risk.

This assessment is non-venue specific and applies to standard Cocktailhire operations. Venue-specific assessments can be provided where required.

2. Scope

This assessment applies to all Cocktailhire staff, contractors, and representatives involved in bar setup, service, and breakdown.

3. Identified hazards and control measures

Manual handling

Risk: Injury from lifting or moving equipment and stock

Controls:

- Staff trained in manual handling
- Team lifting for heavy items
- Use of trolleys where possible

Slips, trips and falls

Risk: Spills, trailing cables, cluttered work areas

Controls:

- Immediate cleanup of spills
- Non-slip mats behind bar areas
- Secure cable management
- Clear working and access routes

Alcohol service

Risk: Overserving, intoxication, under-age drinking

Controls:

- Challenge 25 policy
- Refusal of service to intoxicated guests
- Water and alcohol-free alternatives available
- Staff trained in responsible service

Electrical equipment

Risk: Electric shock or fire

Controls:

- PAT-tested equipment
- Visual checks before use
- Avoidance of water near electrical items

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Glass breakage

Risk: Cuts or contamination

Controls:

- Safe glass handling procedures
- Immediate cleanup of breakages
- Designated glass disposal containers

Fire risk

Risk: Flames from garnishes or equipment

Controls:

- Controlled use of flammable ingredients
- Fire extinguisher available where required
- Staff aware of emergency procedures

Allergens

Risk: Allergic reactions

Controls:

- Allergen information available
- Clear communication with guests
- Ingredient awareness training

4. Risk evaluation

With the above controls in place, risks are considered low.

5. Responsibilities

All staff are responsible for following control measures and reporting hazards.

6. Review

This risk assessment is reviewed annually or following changes to operations.