

Sumo Experience Safety Assessment

The following table shows safety risks and the measures that have been designed to mitigate the risks.

Mitigation	Padded fat-suit	Padded helmet	Padded neck brace	Padded crash mat	Safety info on website	Safety warning and advice given at event time	Organiser refused participation to non-compliant guests	Organiser ensure additional buffer zone around crash mat (22ft x 22ft)	First aid kit available & for self-service use of guests	Suspend use of smoke machine on report that anyone is susceptible to breathing difficulties	Organiser to prevent participants from competing in mismatched suits	Organiser to suspend event if conditions are not complied with	Equipment regularly checked and replaced as necessary
Safety risk													
General body injury	11/06/06				11/06/06			11/06/06					
Head injury		11/06/06			11/06/06			11/06/06					
Neck injury			11/06/06		11/06/06			11/06/06					
Back injury	11/06/06							11/06/06					
Arm / Hand / Wrist injury	11/06/06			11/06/06	11/06/06	11/06/06		11/06/06	11/06/06				
Facial / Dental injury				11/06/06	11/06/06	11/06/06		11/06/06	11/06/06				
Leg / foot injury	11/06/06			11/06/06	11/06/06	11/06/06		11/06/06	11/06/06				
Injury associated with jewellery / glasses					11/06/06	11/06/06	11/06/06						
Aggravation of existing conditions (e.g. heart / spinal / recent surgery)					11/06/06	11/06/06	11/06/06						
Risk to pregnancy					11/06/06	11/06/06	11/06/06						
Drink or drug related injury					11/06/06	11/06/06	11/06/06						
Risk from slipping (only applies in wet conditions)	11/06/06	11/06/06	11/06/06	11/06/06		11/06/06		11/06/06					
Injury resulting from reckless behaviour	11/06/06	11/06/06	11/06/06	11/06/06		11/06/06	11/06/06	11/06/06					
Risk of collision with non-participants	11/06/06	11/06/06				11/06/06		11/06/06	11/06/06				
Risk of neck injury by non-participants helping participant to his feet by lifting the head			11/06/06		26/08/08	21/01/07	21/01/07						
Risk of breathing difficulty caused to participants with respiratory problems (e.g. Asthma) by the use of a smoke machine						23/04/07				23/04/08			
Risk of injury due to mismatched participants (e.g. due to children's age)					26/08/08	26/08/08	26/08/08				26/08/08		
Risk of injury due to mismatched suit, neck brace or helmet size						26/08/08	26/08/08				26/08/08		

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Safety risk													
Risk of injury due to inappropriate composition of base (i.e. car park or concrete)												26/08/08	
Risk of injury due to equipment failure													01/07/09

An accident book entry should be made for each event.

This safety assessment should be reviewed at least every year or whenever new risks or mitigations are identified.

Change log

Reviewed on 21/01/2007 - new risk added
 Reviewed on 11/06/2007 - no changes made
 Reviewed on 11/07/2007 - minor textual corrections made
 Reviewed on 26/11/2007 - no changes made
 Reviewed on 24/04/2008 - added new safety risk and mitigation following the addition of a smoke machine
 Reviewed on 26/08/2008 - added new safety risk and mitigation prompted by changes in public liability insurance exclusions
 Reviewed on 14/01/2009 - removed inappropriate mitigation “inappropriate composition of base”/”mismatched suits”
 Reviewed on 01/07/2009 - corrected wording of ‘Organiser to suspend event if conditions are not complied with’ mitigation. Also added new safety risk ‘Risk of injury due to equipment failure’ with mitigation ‘Equipment regularly checked and replaced as necessary’
 Reviewed on 24/02/2010 - no changes made
 Reviewed on 15/11/2010 - corrected document formatting only
 Reviewed on 27/04/2011 – change to ‘Risk of injury due to mismatched participants...’ to remove redundant reference to sex.

Reviewed on 18/02/2012 - change to review period from ‘6 months’ to ‘year’
 Reviewed on 01/01/2013 - removed columns referring to safety video as this is no longer considered necessary
 Reviewed on 31/10/2013 - no changes made
 Reviewed on 25/08/2014 - no changes made
 Reviewed on 13/02/2015 - no changes made
 Reviewed on 11/02/2016 - no changes made
 Reviewed on 27/02/2017 - no changes made
 Reviewed on 14/03/2018 - no changes made
 Reviewed on 05/04/2019 - no changes made
 Reviewed on 21/02/2020 - removed text re TBI (too be implemented)
 Reviewed on 28/05/2021 – first aid heading changed to “for self-service use of guests”
 Reviewed on 25/05/2022 – ‘Equipment regularly checked and replaced as necessary’ changed to read ‘Equipment condition constantly monitored and replaced as necessary’ for clarity
 Reviewed on 27/10/2023 - no changes made
 Reviewed on 28/10/2024 - no changes made
 Reviewed on 02/10/20245 - no changes made