

**Technical Theatre**

**Health & Safety Statement of Intent**

**The Technical Theatre Department**

* aims to apply, encourage and develop a culture of safe working in all its activities, irrespective of staff or student status
* regards Health & Safety and safe working as integral to its training programme and to its daily activity
* aims to match standards of Production Risk Assessment in the theatre industry
* aims to maintain all equipment and machinery to a safe standard and to keep an accurate record of maintenance and testing;
* aims to maintain current and accurate documentation of the training given to both staff and students.
* has a H&S committee which reviews departmental risk assessments and method statements.
* maintains a register of Risk Assessments and Method Statements covering all regular departmental activities which is held on the o-drive and is available to all staff
* aims to make this register available to all students as required
* has a duty of care towards all students, staff and members of the public engaged with our work.

**Students**

* Receive training in manual handling, use of access equipment, basic first-aid and electrical safety in the induction week at the beginning of the course
* Receive training in aspects of H&S legislation relevant to theatre production in year one.
* Receive on-going training in Health and Safety in each department throughout their three years at the School.
* In Year 1 students are required to maintain a “Skills Record” for undertaking each task or using each piece of equipment that has been introduced.
* Are regarded by the Health and Safety Executive as members of the public
* Have a duty of care towards student and staff colleagues and to members of the public engaged with our work.
* Are required to have Personal Protective Equipment as outlined in the Technical Theatre Programme Handbook.

**Productions**

* Are the major way in which training in Technical Theatre is delivered
* Are key to the students’ education in understanding, contributing to and managing Health and Safety
* Involve some hazards which are common to most productions and for which generic risk assessments and method statementsaremade and regularly reviewed.
* Are assessed from a Health and Safety point of view at regular production meetings. Possible hazards raised are then fully assessed by the relevant department and documented by the Production Management team.
* Are visited by a consultant from the district surveyors office prior to the first performance. At this visit a complete collection of risk assessments for the whole production is available and hazardous moments are demonstrated if required.
* Are the best way of instilling a culture of individual responsibility for Health and Safety

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