



### **Risk Assessment Information for Schools and Education Groups 2021**

Taunton Brewhouse is committed to providing its audience with a safe environment and an enjoyable visit. Before you visit, your school/college/university or organisation may wish to conduct its own risk assessment. Whilst Taunton Brewhouse cannot write this risk assessment for you, we will assist you with information that you feel is relevant. There is no generic risk assessment available for you attending a performance.

Specific measures are currently in place to mitigate the risk of COVID19 transmission whilst on site. These include:

- Wear your mask or face covering whilst at Taunton Brewhouse including in the auditorium unless you are unable to do so
- Wash your hands. Additional hand sanitizing stations have been installed throughout the venue
- Keep your distance. Maintain 1m+ distance between you and someone outside your family or class bubble when in the foyer
- Stay at home if you are feeling unwell

Taunton Brewhouse is undertaking additional cleaning between performances of the public areas and our ventilation system in the auditorium circulates fresh air.

Some useful information is included below which may be useful to organisations completing a risk assessment prior to visiting the theatre:

- The theatre and studio space on site and front of house areas are designed and maintained for public use.
- All areas for public use will be adequately lit, with emergency routes clearly sign posted. There are several routes in and out of the building.
- In the case of an evacuation, the muster point is at the front of Taunton Brewhouse, which is also the riverside area. The river is effectively barriered by Somerset West & Taunton Council.
- Taunton Brewhouse has an Operations Management team who manage the safety of the public between the hours of 09:00 and 17:00. For show times a Duty Manager is allocated to each event to manage the safety of the public in each venue.
- All Senior and Duty Managers are trained in Emergency First Aid, have enhanced DBS checks, and have completed L2 safeguarding training
- The Box Office is staffed between 10:00 and 16:00 and one hour before evening shows Monday to Saturday, and an hour either side of show times on a Sunday to assist with any enquiries.
- Children, young people, or adults at risk remain the responsibility of teachers, guardians or chaperones and must be always accompanied during their visit to Taunton Brewhouse. Taunton Brewhouse has a lost child policy in the event of a child becoming separated from their group.

- We ask that there is one teacher or responsible adult for every ten students and that the responsible adult/teacher must sit amongst the students during the performance.
- No audience members are permitted on stage (apart from rare circumstances where audience members are invited on stage by the performers – this is not applicable in 2021), and we ask that young visitors are supervised accordingly.
- The building is fully wheelchair accessible – please contact the Box Office team if you have accessibility queries.

Taunton Brewhouse has policies, procedures and work practices in place and fire risk assessments are undertaken for each area in the building. In our dedication to the safety of our visitors we will ensure the following:

- Public areas will be kept clean and clear of trip hazards
- Materials used in front of house areas will be suitable for public areas
- Temporary installations or events and shows will be individually risk assessed
- All electrical equipment will be PAT tested and regularly inspected
- Any required warning notices for productions including elements such as strobe effects, smoking or loud audio effects will be prominently displayed in front of house areas

Taunton Brewhouse is licenced by Somerset West & Taunton Council as a place of entertainment and complies with guidance given including minimum standards of fire protections and maximum number of people permitted into the building at any one time.

We advise that the lead adult responsible for the trip risk assesses the route taken on foot from the public car parks used for show parking to the venue. These are public spaces maintained by Somerset West and Taunton Council and Somerset County Council (Highways).

A copy of Taunton Brewhouse's public liability insurance is available on request.