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COLOUR RUN RISK ASSESSMENT

GENERAL SAFETY AND CLEANING INFORMATION

Is our colour powder easy to clean?

Yes

Sweep up excess colour powder and wash down heavily soiled areas with water. As colour powder is biodegradable, exposure to rain and wind will remove any remaining powder.

Does our colour powder contain natural ingredients?

Yes

The colour powder is made from corn starch, dyed with food-grade colouring.

Is our colour powder non-toxic?

Yes

Breathing small amounts of the powder is unlikely to be harmful. The powder will not cause skin irritation in small quantities. The powder may cause slight eye irritation. Seek medical attention if in doubt.

Is our colour powder non-flammable?

No

While colour powder is generally non-flammable in its original form, it can ignite at high temperatures or if it comes into contact with an ignition source.

Is our colour powder EN71 Certified?

Yes

Compliance with the standard is legally required for all colour powder sold within Europe.

If you are in any doubt about the safety or cleaning procedures involved with colour powder, please contact Ministry Of Colours on 0330 321 3996



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Hazard Identification

Slippery Surfaces

- Participants could slip and fall on the powder, especially if it becomes wet.

Allergic Reactions

- In very rare cases, some participants may have allergies to the powder or other event materials.

Inhalation Of Powder

- Participants may inhale large amounts of powder which could lead to respiratory issues, particularly for those with asthma..

Eye Irritation

- Participants may get powder in eyes which could lead to minor irritation.

Skin Irritation

- Excessive powder on skin could lead to minor irritation.

Trips and Falls

- Uneven terrain or obstacles may cause participants to trip or fall.

Crowd Control

- Large crowds may lead to overcrowding and potential accidents.

Weather Conditions

- Adverse weather conditions such as heavy rain and strong winds may impact the safety of the event.

Exhaustion and Dehydration

- Excessive physical activity could cause participants to collapse or faint.

Fire Hazards

- Flammable materials near a heat or ignition source could start a fire.



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Hazard Control Measures

Slippery Surfaces

- Regularly monitor and address slippery areas. Place warning signs and provide non-slip surfaces in critical areas.

Allergic Reactions

- Clearly communicate the ingredients of the powder in advance to all participants. Have trained first aid staff on-site to address any allergic reactions.

Inhalation Of Powder

- Closely monitor those individuals with respiratory conditions and ensure they keep to the edges of areas where there are high concentrations of thrown powder. Produce a separate risk assessment document for those with severe respiratory conditions and consider using face masks.

Eye Irritation

- Provide all participants with sunglasses to prevent powder getting into eyes. Have access to warm water to wash eyes if needed.

Skin Irritation

- Provide all participants with adequate clothing and wipes to prevent too much powder accumulating on skin. Have access to warm water to wash skin if needed.

Trips and Falls

- Inspect the course for potential hazards. Mark uneven surfaces and provide clear signage if you are unable to avoid them. Have medical personnel and first aid kits on standby.

Crowd Control

- Establish clearly marked areas for spectators and advise them not to encroach onto the course itself. Limit entries if necessary and have event staff present to manage crowds.



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Weather Conditions

- Monitor weather forecasts leading up to the event. Have contingency plans in place, such as rescheduling or cancelling the event if conditions pose a safety risk.

Exhaustion and Dehydration

- Make sure everyone has access to plenty of water and shaded areas to prevent dehydration. If any participants look to be suffering from exhaustion, then they should be removed from the race and reviewed by medical personnel. It's important to know where your closest defibrillator is located in advance.

Fire Hazards

- Ensure flammable materials and colour powders are stored in a cool place away from any heat or ignition sources. Have fire extinguishers on stand by. Ensure a 'no smoking' rule and place up 'no smoking' signs.

Risk Evaluation

Severity of Risk

- Evaluate the likelihood and severity of each identified risk, considering the control measures in place. Assign a risk rating (low, medium, high) based on this assessment.

Emergency Response Plan

- Develop and communicate a comprehensive emergency response plan that includes contact information for medical personnel, evacuation procedures, and communication strategies in case of an emergency.

Event Monitoring

- Regularly monitor the event and make adjustments based on real-time conditions if required. Conduct a post-event review to identify areas for improvement in events.



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This is a living document and should be reviewed and updated as necessary to reflect changes in event logistics or conditions and to incorporate learnings from the event for potential future ones. This document is just an example, and you should ensure you create your own risk assessment document to ensure that all risks associated with their setting are addressed before going ahead with your event. Each event will have its own unique attributes so this document may not cover all potential areas. The event involves participants running around a marked route and through designated areas while having coloured powder thrown at them. The aim is to ensure the safety of all participants and spectators during the event.