

Risk assessment – Kit Loan: Popcorn Science

Risk assessment last reviewed	Name: Matthew Page			Severity (S)	Likelihood (L)	Risk rating (S x L)
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	Signature: 	Date: 21/08/2026				
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	Job Title: Head of Science Communication					
	Signature: 	Date: 30/09/26				
Date of next review	August 2027					
Hazard	Risk	Control measures	(S)	(L)	Risk rating*	
Use of equipment	All Popcorn makers could overheat causing burns	• Machines should be turned off at regular intervals, or if they get too hot	2	2	4	
	All Trips due to cables	• Placement of machines and cabling should be considered in advance, with cables being taped down if they can't be out of the way	2	1	2	
	All Electric shock from faulty equipment	• All equipment is annually PAT-tested	5	1	5	

Please use this risk assessment in conjunction with your own prior assessments and dynamic management of risk.

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Use of corn	All Allergy to corn through skin contact or ingestion	• People with severe corn allergies should not take part • People with mild corn allergies should wear gloves • Corn should not be eaten – even the “edible” popping corn in snot stored in a food-safe environment	3	1	3
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