

Balloon Modellers Risk Assessment.

Risk	Severity/Likelihood	People Effected	Possible Effect	Control Measure
Slight Allergic reaction to latex	LOW /LOW	Person handling balloons	Rash/Irritation/Reaction	• Ask carer about know allergies
Severe Allergic reaction to latex	HIGH/ VERY LOW	Audience	Anaphylactic Shock	• Provide organiser with risk assessment, so they can warn participants that balloons will be present. • Allergy sufferers should not attend and must carry necessary treatment.
Loud Noise	LOW / Medium	Those close to balloon modeller	Damage to ear drums / distress	• Do not inflate balloons close to people especially young children • Keep a clear space around working area.
Injury to face from balloon pump	LOW / LOW	Children	Injury	• Do not inflate balloons close to people especially young children • Keep a clear space around working area.
Choking hazard from balloon remnants	HIGH / VERY LOW	Young children and animals living in that environment	Choking	• Ensure carer is attending with any child given a balloon • Do not give a balloon to any child under 3 years old • Dispose of any remnants of burst balloons carefully • Do not inflate balloons by mouth as children can copy. • Warn adults of the choking hazard if a child bites a balloon
Balloon anxiety	Medium/LOW	All participants	Panic Attack	Provide organiser with risk assessment, so they can warn participants that balloons will be present.
Spread of infection	Medium/ Medium	Modeller	Illness	Modeller must not touch a balloon that a child has touched or put in their mouth.
Ruptures from inflating balloon by mouth	LOW / LOW	Modeller	Internal ruptures	• Do not inflate balloons by mouth
Claim against balloon modeller	LOW / LOW	Modeller	Unable to meet costs	• Modeller to have Public Liability Insurance

- The pumps will only be used by the balloon modeller.
- There are no substantial environmental risks.
- Balloons are 100% biodegradable latex, a natural product (tree sap from rubber trees)

