National U3A Workshop Activity Risk Assessment Checklist

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| **U3A Name** |
| Interest Group |
| Date | Location/Postcode |
| Description of Activity |

Firstly, there should be reference to checking the

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| **Hazard** | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | **Comments** |
| *Use of Hand Tools* |
| 1 | Are tools sharp and in good condition? (e.g. no damage, splitting of handles etc) |  |  |  |  |
| *Electrical Power Tools* |
| 1 | Portable Appliance tested? |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Double insulated? |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Visual inspection of leads and connections made? |  |  |  |  |
| *Fixed Machinery (lathes etc.)* |
| 1 | Are electrical connections & wiring in good condition? |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Is the equipment suitably earthed? |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Are there electrical isolation systems in place? |  |  |  |  |
|  4 | Is there suitable extraction/ventilation in place where appropriate to the machine?  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Are appropriate guards fitted and in good condition? |  |  |  |  |
| *Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)* |
| 1 | Does the activity require the following:1. Eye Protection
2. Hearing Protection
3. Dust Mask
4. Gloves
5. Safety shoes
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| *Hazardous Materials* |
| 1 | Are the materials used hazardous? (e.g. toxic, harmful, irritant, dusty etc. see container label) |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Does the material require special precautions in use? (e.g. the wearing of PPE) |  |  |  |  |
| *Workplace Hazards* |
| 1 | Are there are clear safe systems of work and operation guidance posted for the machines, identifying the specific safety cut offs in place, or some instruction available to cover these issues? |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Are the floors free from trip hazards & escape routes clear? |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Are precautions in place to prevent or respond to fire? |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Does the activity require special precautions? (e.g. removal of jewellery, tying back long hair) |  |  |  |  |

**Exceptional Circumstances**

There may by reasons why additional conditions may have to be taken into consideration when completing this risk assessment.

When completing a risk assessment in exceptional circumstances you need to consider how this will impact on the activity, what additional measures or changes you will need to make for each identified hazard in order to reduce risks involved in running the activity. These changes will need to be incorporated into the assessment of how hazards can be reduced or avoided to respond appropriately to the exceptional circumstances you are facing.

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| Notes for exceptional circumstances: |

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| **Signed** | **Dated** |