

RISK ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS

BRISBANE POWERHOUSE

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This document serves as your comprehensive guide to preparing a risk management plan for school tours, exhibitions, and performances at our vibrant venue. We aim to provide essential information regarding safety, venue access, facilities, emergency procedures, and more to ensure a smooth and secure experience for both your students and fellow educators.

Brisbane City Council's public liability insurance includes Brisbane Powerhouse as a named party under their policy.

COVID SAFETY

At Brisbane Powerhouse, we are committed to adhering to the latest health and safety guidelines from the Queensland Government. All attendees must follow the most recent government directives. Schools are responsible for monitoring the health and safety of their staff and students.

VENUE OVERVIEW

A magnificent power station of the 1920s, reborn as an arts centre on the Brisbane River (Maiwar), **Brisbane Powerhouse** is a destination for contemporary culture and art.

Brisbane Powerhouse features two main stage theatres, three smaller performance venues, gallery spaces, two restaurants and bars (**Bar Alto** and **Mary Mae's Bar + Kitchen**), **Powerhouse Store**, corporate facilities, and one of the best river views in Brisbane.

Brisbane Powerhouse is a Brisbane City Council-owned venue.

GETTING TO THE VENUE

Located at 119 Lamington Street, New Farm, Brisbane Powerhouse is easily accessible by Lamington Street and New Farm Park.

Car

Brisbane Powerhouse Car Park (via Lamington Street): 148 parking spaces (paid parking), including 6 accessible spaces for permit holders.

New Farm Park Car Park (via Brunswick Street): 200 parking spaces (free).
New Farm Park gates open Mon-Fri 8.30 am.

Public Transport

Bus and Ferry routes are within walking distance of the Precinct.

Chartered Bus

All bus drop-offs and pick-ups should occur via the designated set-down area within New Farm Park (via Brunswick Street).
Please note Lamington Street is a no-through road and is not suitable for buses or large vehicles due to inadequate turning space.

As you arrive with your students, please exercise caution when approaching and leaving the venue. A large assembly area is available on the footpath outside the venue. Ensure students do not stand on the thoroughfare, as bikes and e-scooters may pass by quickly.

INSIDE THE VENUE

For students attending a performance Powerhouse Theatre, they will need to ascend stairs once inside to reach their seats.

It's important for both teachers and students to refrain from running at any time during their visit to Brisbane Powerhouse. Climbing over seating banks or walking on the stage is also prohibited.

The lighting in the theatre is typically dimly lit during the show, with stage lighting focused on the stage and low aisle lighting for the stairs.

Please be mindful that occasional building or technical work may occur on-site. Pay close attention to trip hazards, and always follow the directions of our staff.

TOILET FACILITIES

Toilets are available on the river level, ground and second floors of Brisbane Powerhouse. The general public can access the toilets on days when the venue is open, including days with school performances. An accessible toilet is available on each level, located next to other toilet facilities.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND EVACUATION

Brisbane Powerhouse has evacuation plans in place. Front of House staff are trained according to these plans, and evacuations are coordinated by the Safety and Security Officer on duty. In the event of an emergency, trained fire wardens will direct audiences or groups to assigned assembly points. Regular training and evacuation drills are conducted, with the evacuation assembly point being New Farm Park.

Emergency exits are clearly marked, and in case of an emergency, please instruct your students to leave their bags behind and follow the guidance provided by the emergency response wardens, identifiable by coloured vests and hard hats.

FIRST AID

Brisbane Powerhouse has incident management procedures, which include trained first aid staff, first aid kits, and defibrillators, as well as protocols for medical incident management. Our venue staff are knowledgeable in the management of patron medical incidents. If you require first aid assistance, please seek out a Brisbane Powerhouse staff member.

For nearby medical services:

The nearest medical centre is the New Farm Medical Centre located at 860 Brunswick Street, New Farm. Phone: (07) 3254 2355. Opening Hours: Monday to Friday: 8 am to 6 pm, Saturday: 9 am to 1 pm.

The nearest hospital is the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital located at Butterfield St, Herston. Phone: (07) 3646 8111.