

Balloon Modelling Risk Assessment

Hazard	People at risk	Action taken	Notes
Choking on latex from burst balloons	Younger Children	Do not give balloons directly to children under three (give to parent or guardian). Tell children not to put balloons in their mouths. Do not inflate by mouth as children may copy. Pick up and safely dispose of burst balloons	Parents are responsible for supervising their children when playing with balloons
Damaged ear drums	People very close when a balloon pops	Keep a clear space between the balloon modeller and spectators. Do not inflate balloons close to people's ears.	
Internal ruptures caused by inflating balloons by mouth	Balloon Modeller	Always use a balloon pump to inflate balloons	There is serious danger of injury by inflating balloons by mouth. This practice is not recommended by manufacturers
Child being poked in the face with a balloon pump	Smaller children	Keep a clear space between the balloon modeller and children. Do not inflate balloons close to the faces of children	

Balloon Modeller Method Statement

Equipment and materials

Equipment materials
 Balloons for modelling
 Balloon pump
 Balloon belt

Balloon inflation

Method

The balloon modeller arrives at the venue already prepared with their balloon belt (containing new balloons to inflate later) and balloon pump (if used). They stand in the area designated by the client or walk about the venue, depending on the event requirements. Children may approach the balloon modeller to receive a balloon model. The balloon modeller inflates the balloon using the balloon pump, following all health and safety protocol as recommended by the manufacturer and in the risk assessment. Inflation may take place in stages with pauses for balloon twisting procedure. The balloon is twisted into shape by the balloon modeller and, upon completion, handed to the child who can play with and keep the balloon model. The balloon modeller then begins this process again for another child. When the booking contract duration is over, the balloon modeller vacates the venue with their balloon belt, left-over un-inflated balloons, and balloon pump.

Members of the public are advised not to try to inflate balloons by mouth. The performer accepts no responsibility for balloon injuries by members of the public "helping themselves" to balloons without the performers permission