Queer Event Risk Assessment Matrix example

Risk Category	Potential Risks	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation
Physical Safety	Violence or harassment towards attendees	Medium	High	 - Hire security personnel trained in LGBTQ+ awareness and conflict resolution. - Ensure venue has clear exit routes and emergency procedures.
	Accidents or medical emergencies	Medium	High	- Have trained medical staff or volunteers on-site Clearly mark first aid stations.
Inclusivity	Exclusionary behaviour or discrimination	Medium	High	- Implement a zero-tolerance policy for discriminationProvide diversity and sensitivity training for staff and volunteers.
	Lack of accessibility for people with disability	Low	High	- Choose venues with wheelchair accessibility and accommodations for various disabilities Provide ASL interpreters or other necessary accommodations.
Logistical	Technical difficulties with sound or lighting	Low	Medium	- Perform thorough equipment checks prior to the event Have backup equipment available.
	Overcrowding and venue capacity issues	Low	High	- Implement ticketing or registration system to manage attendance Communicate capacity limits clearly.
Public Relations	Negative media attention or backlash	Medium	High	Develop a crisis communication plan.Be proactive in addressing any controversies or concerns.Consider online safety implications and mitigations.

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Financial	Budget overruns or unexpected costs	Low	Medium	- Plan a detailed budget accounting for all potential expenses Consider fundraising or sponsorship opportunities.
	Low ticket sales or attendance	Low	High	- Market the event effectively to target audience segments Offer early bird discounts or promotional deals.

Legend:

- Likelihood: Probability of the risk occurring (Low, Medium, High).
- Impact: Severity of the consequences if the risk materializes (Low, Medium, High).
- Mitigation: Strategies to reduce the likelihood or impact of the risk.

^{*}This matrix provides a framework for identifying, assessing, and addressing risks associated with organizing a queer event, helping ensure the safety, inclusivity, and success of the occasion. Adjustments can be made based on the specific nature and context of the event.