

Bród Society

Safety Statement

For NUI Galway

Societies

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1. Bród Society Health & Safety Policy

This Safety Statement and included risk assessments cover Bród Society's specific safety issues. It represents our commitment to provide for the health and safety of everyone affected by our activities.

Our objective is to reduce the likelihood of injury through a proactive approach to risk management. This approach will be to a level that complies with the law and current best practice in our activities. All members are required to follow this code. A failure to do so could result in legal or disciplinary action.

2. Bród COVID-19 OFFICER

Every society shall appoint a COVID-19 Officer, this role may be carried out by an existing member of the society or a newly elected member for the purpose. Note a large society with many events may appoint more than one COVID-19 Officer, but only one officer shall take responsibility for a specific event.

Note the responsibility of ensuring COVID-19 rules are adhered to is the responsibility of all the committee who attend at any event.

The COVID-19 Officer shall complete the BICS / NUIG COVID -19 Officer training module and insert the certificate at the end of this document.

All committee members shall complete the COVID-19 society training module

[Fill in the table below add more rows if necessary, note when the module is completed in the dashboard a record is generated for the Societies Office, this module counts towards society training requirement] Add rows as required.

COVID-19 Officer BICS/NUIG Training Module	
Names	Course Completed confirmed by SocsBox
Sadhbh Ní Bhéarra	
Oliver	
COVID-19 NUIG Training Module	
Names	Course Completed confirmed by SocsBox
Health & Safety Training Module	
Names	Course Completed confirmed by SocsBox

3. Bród Society Code of Practice

For every event organised by Bród Society, an appointed member of the Society will:

- Obtain a list of participating student names and I.D. numbers
- When going on a trip, obtain a list of member's next of kin, their home address, and home contact number.
- Obtain list of any medical conditions /injuries
- Ensure in the event of members receiving medical treatment, that the members are 100% satisfied that they have received all the medical treatment they require.
- Ensure members are fit to participate
- Ensure members understand the inherent risks of the activities involved and that any participation is at their own risk
- Understand level of compliance and any previous experience with the activity – giving novices adequate instruction.
- Inform participants of the necessity to follow directions from instructors at all times.
- Ensure all members are aware of the Safety Statement and are familiar with its contents.
- **[Add any additional points that your Society considers appropriate for the safety of your members and others.]**

Signed: _____ Date: _____

[NAME OF AUDITOR], Auditor, Bród Society

4. Bród Society Auditor Responsibilities

The Bród Society Auditor will:

- Ensure that everyone is familiar with the Safety Statement,
- Ensure there are first aiders and first aid equipment available if required,
- Ensure that trip leaders are suitably experienced,
- Ensure that novices are well looked after
- Ensure that relevant training is provided where necessary,
- Ensure that everyone is aware of the action to be taken in an emergency.
- Ensure that in the event of members receiving medical treatment, that the members are 100% satisfied that they have received all the medical treatment they require.
- **[Add any additional Auditor Responsibilities that your Society considers appropriate for the safety of your members and others.]**

Signed: _____ Date: _____

[NAME OF AUDITOR], Auditor, Bród Society

5. Bród Society Members' Responsibilities

Bród Society Members:

- Will be aware of the hazards involved for each event
- Must not jeopardize their own health & safety or that of others
- Must follow instructions given by officers or trip leaders
- Must attend training provided for them
- Must inform officers/trip leaders of any medical condition that may affect their ability to participate in activities or affect emergency first aid treatment.
- Are responsible for making an informed decision as to whether it is a suitable activity for them.
- If consuming alcohol, must drink responsibly, and in a manner which will not endanger their own safety and health or that of others.
- Must never participate in activities while under the influence of alcohol.
- **[Add any additional Members' Responsibilities that your Society considers appropriate for the safety of your members and others.]**

6. Bród Society Equipment Policy

Whilst Bród Society equipment will remain the property of NUI Galway Societies, Bród Society is responsible for maintaining their equipment.

Bród Society will maintain the following records for all equipment:

- Place and date of purchase
- When it was used
- When safety checks were carried out
- Where repairs were carried out
- All safety and repair certification
- Storage locations for insurance and security purposes.

(See Appendix 3 – Society Equipment Policy and Blank Equipment Logs for the Societies Office's preferred equipment log format.)

- A copy of all inventories and equipment records will be lodged with the Societies Office.
- In the event of an accident, these records will be required. Failure to produce such documentation may indicate a breach of the duty of care principle.
- Equipment records will be maintained and updated by the Society Equipment Officer, the Society Auditor or a designated member of the society.

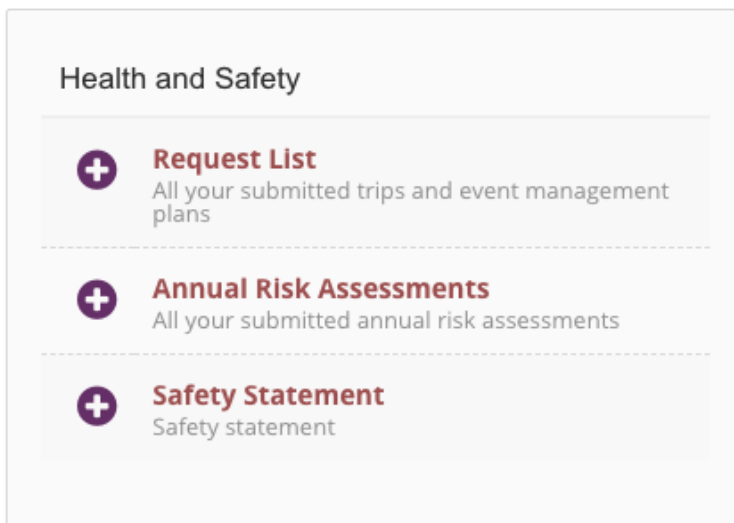
[Add any additional equipment policies and control measures that your Society considers appropriate for the safety of your members and others.]

Appendix 3 Equipment log you should have one of these for each piece of equipment worth over €100]

Appendix

Templates only see the 'Essential Society Safety' link in your dashboard for usable templates.

Here are a series of prefilled risk assessments for a variety of activities, choose the ones that represent your regular activities. Add in any additional hazards and control measures you will need for your specific activity. Save this completed safety statement and the appropriate risk assessments as PDF then combine them into one, with the risk assessments at the end (you can use www.ilovepdf.com to combine the separate pdf, once combined upload your safety statement to your dashboard under 'Safety Statement' in the Health and Safety section in your dashboard.



COVID -19 Risk assessment Templates

Note your activity will have other inherent dangers, i.e. trailing cables would require all leads to be properly secured to avoid trips, fire safety would require ensuring all fire doors are kept clear and a fire announcement is made at the start of the event (appendix 2) etc. Add these dangers and the measures you will take to reduce the harm at the end of the appropriate samples below.

COVID-19 Indoor Event, Fixed Seating

COVID-19 Indoor Event, Versatile Seating

COVID-19 Indoor Event, No Seating

COVID-19 Outdoor Event

COVID-19 Off Campus Event

COVID-19 Indoor Games

COVID-19 Outdoor Games

Appendix 1 - Advice on filling out the Societies Risk Assessment Form

- (1) Identify any hazards associated with your event/activity. A hazard is anything that might injure any person or harm their health. Describe each hazard in its own row in the “Hazard Description” column. (See Appendix 4 - Event Management Checklist for Risk Assessment, to help identify hazards.)
- (2) Decide who might be harmed, and how. Fill this into the “People at Risk” column.
- (3) Give the hazard a Severity score (S) of 1 to 4, depending on how severe an injury caused by it would be.
- (4) Give the hazard a Likelihood score (L) of 1 to 4, depending on how likely any injury is to happen
- (5) Multiply S and L to get R, the Risk Factor for that hazard.
 - If R is less than 4, the risk is considered **LOW**, and the risk may need to be controlled (i.e. safety measures may need to be taken.)
 - If R is between 4 and 6, the risk is considered **MEDIUM**, and the Risk must be controlled (i.e. safety measures must be taken.)
 - If R is between 7 and 9, the risk is considered **HIGH**, and the Hazard must be controlled (i.e. the hazard itself must be made safer.)
 - If R is greater than 9, the risk is considered **VERY HIGH**, and the Hazard must be avoided (i.e. the hazard must be removed entirely.)

		Likelihood		
		Low	Medium	High
Severity	High	Medium	High	High
	Medium	Low	Medium	High
	Low	Low	Low	Medium

- (6) List control measures that will be put in place to reduce the risk factor for each hazard.
- (7) Recalculate the Risk Factor for each hazard, once the control measures have been put in place. The residual risk factors for all hazards must be LOW – if not, further action is needed.

Appendix 2 - Societies Fire Safety Policy

In the event of a fire:

1. Raise the alarm by operating the nearest fire alarm call point.
2. Call Security Ext. 3333 or the fire brigade using the 999/112 system. (On internal university phones dial 9 first to get an outside line.) Dial 122 on mobile phones.
3. Extinguish the fire only if possible and only if trained and it is safe to do so, using the equipment provided.
4. Do not take risks.

The continuous ringing of the fire alarm indicates a fire emergency in the area you are in - proceed as follows:

1. Evacuate the building by the nearest exit route and proceed to the nearest fire assembly point.
2. Close all doors after you. If time permits, turn gas supplies and electrical equipment off but leave lights on.
3. Do not use lifts.
4. Do not re-enter the building.

The intermittent ringing of the fire alarm indicates a fire emergency in an adjacent area - proceed as follows:

1. Investigate the source of the alarm.
2. Do not take risks.
3. Do not use lifts.
4. Prepare to evacuate the building.

Take some time to familiarise yourself with the location of:

- The fire exits.
- The fire alarm call point(s).
- The fire assembly point.

If you have any queries in this regard contact:

- Mr Gerry Murphy, Fire Prevention Officer, Block T, Distillery road, ext 2188
- Ms Alice Daly, Health and Safety Adviser, room A103 in the Quadrangle, ext 2678
- Mr Gerry Nolan, Head of Security, Security Office Distillery Rd, ext 2378 (General Security 2198/3333)

Safe Codes of Practice for society meetings and events:

- Make a safety announcement at the beginning of all of your meetings or events and draw attention to safety exits.
- Ensure fire exits are free from obstruction.
- Ensure your committee members are familiar with the exits.
- In the event of an emergency ensure that everyone evacuates the building.
- Avoid overcrowding which could present a hazard in the case of an emergency.

Appendix 3 – Society Equipment Policy and Blank Equipment Logs

Whilst equipment will remain the property of NUI Galway Societies, all societies are responsible for maintaining their equipment. Societies must maintain the following records:

- Place and date of purchase
- When it was used
- When safety checks were carried out
- Where repairs were carried out
- All safety and repair certification
- Storage locations for insurance and security purposes.

In the event of an accident, these records will be required. Failure to produce such documentation may indicate a breach of the duty of care principle.

Equipment forms (see following example) are available to help societies ensure that equipment does not become a potential source of hazard.

Appendix 4 - Event Management Checklist for Risk Assessment

This checklist should be used to up-date/develop a risk assessment for any major events. A copy of the risk assessment is to be sent to the Societies Office before commencement of the event. Note this is a feature in your dashboard, fill in the on-line version.

Event: _____

Date: _____

Person(s) in charge of event: _____

Risk Assessment conducted by: _____

Please complete this checklist using the following replies in the first column:

- Done / In place
- Not Done
- N/A Not applicable

<u>Permanent Structure</u>	
	Do you have permission from the Buildings Office to use the facilities?
	Is there adequate lighting, ventilation, heating and any other environmental conditions, which may affect people? (e.g. flat surfaces, ground level, emergency lighting, clear egress and appropriate humidity)?
<u>Temporary Structure</u>	
	Is there a temporary structure?
	Do you have permission from the Buildings Office to erect the temporary structure?
	Will competent persons erect it? Does it need a certificate of completion?
	Is there adequate lighting, ventilation, heating and any other environmental conditions, which may affect people? (e.g. flat surfaces, ground level, emergency lighting, clear egress and appropriate humidity)
<u>Hygiene Facilities</u>	

	Are there an adequate number of toilets for the amount of people expected at the event?
	Are there an adequate number of sinks and washing facilities?
	Are they cleaned to a high standard?
	Is there a system to ensure their function and cleanliness throughout the event?
	Are there an adequate number of disabled toilets?
Fire Safety	
	Has the fire prevention officer inspected the location and approved it?
	Clearly marked access and egress?
	Clear passageways?
	Working emergency exits?
	Emergency lighting?
	Fire extinguishers? Proper types available?
	Fire blankets (if appropriate)
	Functioning properly?
	Personnel trained in the use of fire extinguishers?
	Fire Marshals appointed?
	Adequate smoke detection/fire monitoring and alarms?
	Are there flammable liquids present?
	Is there a generator for lighting that may cause a fire?
	Is all equipment present in good working order and safe?
First aid	
	Adequate number of first aid kits?
	First aid kits up to date and contains contents relevant to hazards that may be present at event (e.g. cooking food- burns)
	Is there an appropriate amount of occupational first-aiders present?
	Are there signs indicating the location of first aid kits?
	If there is high risks, are measures in place e.g. first aid station
Crowd Control	
	Does the location facilitate the amount of people expected to be present?
	Are all danger areas fenced off e.g. if event is near the river?

	Are there an adequate number of stewards present?
	Are they trained in event control?
	Is there an adequate number of security personnel to prevent theft, fights etc.?
	Is there traffic management? Parking arrangements?
<u>Special needs</u>	
	Is there access and egress for a disabled person?
	Is there allowance made for children, elderly, pregnant women or others with special needs that may attend? (e.g. seating)
<u>Waste management</u>	
	Means of waste collection during setting up, during event and after?
	What types of receptacles are to be used?
	How and when will they be emptied and by whom?
	Method for combating spills on the floor and to prevent tripping hazards?
<u>Communication and emergency response</u>	
	Is there appropriate and adequate number of safety signs present?
	Is there a system for communicating with stewards, security, the crowd etc?
	Is there a system for contacting emergency response teams?
	Do they have an easy access route?
	Is there an emergency response plan?
	Are staff aware of the chain of communication during such events?
<u>Others</u>	
	Are there 'No Smoking' signs?
	Are there facilities approx. 6 metres away from the building for smokers? e.g. bins for cigarette butts.
	If food is being served, is there a health code for preparation and service of the food?
	Are there provisions for food allergies and also insect allergies, e.g. first aid kit to contain adrenaline/epinephrine?
	Protocols in place - trained personnel to assist with severely-intoxicated individuals?

	Protocols for accident and incident reporting that may occur at the event?
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Priority Actions to be completed before the commencement of event:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

Signed: _____

Committee Position: _____

Date: _____

Appendix 5 – Societies Travel and Activities Policy

From the perspective of health and safety, some activities, including trips, will be classified as a higher risk and therefore subject to more stringent planning. When going on trips, societies should:

- Appoint an event leader and safety officer for the trip. The safety officer should ensure the transport is insured and that the driver is competent and is not under the influence of alcohol. On arrival at the accommodation, the safety officer ensures that the group is aware of fire escapes and that all fire escapes are in working order.
- Depending on the nature of the trip, the committee should give some thought to any other procedures that need to be in place e.g. if safety equipment is needed, ensure that it has been checked and has been put on the bus; if members are socializing, that the group returns to the accommodation safely. Care should be taken near open water and if engaging in physical activity of a hazardous nature.
- Check the competency level and experience of participants before engaging in potentially hazardous activities which require training.

To facilitate activities, all clubs and societies are now required to complete an Activity/Trip Registration Form (see sample following), which lists all the people participating in the activity or trip. This form demonstrates that planning has gone into an activity and the necessary arrangements are in place made to meet health and safety criteria. On the Activity/Trip form you will be asked to fill in date and time of departure and expected return.

- There is also space for the names, student ID and a contact number for next of kin in case of emergency while on the trip.
- In addition there is space for those travelling to include any relevant medical information which may be vital while away from the university.

In addition, the safety officer should get the below Society Travel / Activity Form filled in at the start of the trip and then return it to the Societies' Officer at the end of the trip with a brief report, stating that the trip was a success. This form is kept on file in the event of subsequent insurance claims. In the event of an accident please refer to Accident Response.

Appendix 6 – Societies Health and Safety Form Templates.

The forms required for society activity are listed below. Please note that these are templates for you to download and complete as needed

1. Bród Society Event Risk Matrix

The following matrix(es) assess the typical events and activities of Bród Society. A matrix is completed for each type of event typically organised by Bród Society. The event is given a score for each line that applies to it, and the score is totalled at the end.

If any event or activity has a total score of more than 20, is it judged to have inherent risks that you will need to take specific steps to reduce. You will also need to complete the Buildings Office full Event Management Plan (EMP). Please talk to the societies office for more guidance.

The measures to reduce the risk will inform your list of guidelines for the organisers and the rules/ terms and conditions for your attendees.

Activity /Event Name and Description:

Factor	Details	Value	Score
Event Nature	VIP Visits	1	
	Classical / Folk / Theatrical Performance	1	
	Athletics and Sport	1	
	Fetes / Fund Raisers	1	
	Pop / Rock / Dance events	2	
	Parades and Carnivals	2	
	Fireworks Display	2	
	Aviation Sport and Display	3	
	Motor Sport and Display	3	
	Marine / Waterway Events	3	
	Celebrations and Parties	3	
	Travel to third world countries	4	
	Travel to local venue	1	
	Travel to national venues	2	
	Travel abroad	3	
	Convention	2	

	Film showing	1	
	Conference	1	
	Talks in schools	1	
	Electronics workshops	2	
	Fashion Show	2	
	Build a rocket	5	
	Cookery	3	
	On campus workshops	1	
	Unsupervised workshops (no teachers)	2	
	Construction workshops	2	
	Going to Inter-Collegiate events	2	
	Skydiving	5	
	Workshops with people with intellectual disability	2	
Event Venue	Indoor	1	
	Arena / Stadium	2	
	Outdoor, defined boundaries	3	
	Outdoor, Widespread / street	4	
	Pool with lifeguard	2	
	pool without Lifeguard	4	
	Forest	3	
	River/Lake/sea daytime	3	
	River/lake/sea night-time	6	
	Mountain	4	
Numbers	<500	1	
	500 – 1,000	2	
	1,000 – 3,000	3	
	3,000 – 4,000	4	
	5,000 – 10,000	5	
	>10,000 plus	10	
Participant accommodation	All seated	1	
	Mixed (at least 50% seated)	2	
	Standing	3	
Participant age and profile	Full mix, in family groups	1	
	Full mix, not in family groups	2	
	Predominately adults	3	
	Predominately children and young persons	4	
	Predominately elderly	4	
	Conflict / Rival factions	5	

	Registered students (over 16 not necessarily over 18)	3	
	Registered students (over 18)	3	
Additional Factors	Adverse weather potential	2	
	Queuing over one hour	1	
	Parking on site	1	
	Livestock	1	
	Temporary structures	2	
	Bouncy castles / sideshow	2	
	Onsite catering	2	
	Overnight camping	3	
	Traffic movement in crowd area	3	
	Helicopter operations	4	
	Dangerous goods storage and use	4	
	Funfair rides	4	
	Alcohol available	5	
	Free Standing tech equipment	3	
Distance from major A & E facility	Under 5 miles	1	
	5 – 10 miles	2	
	Over 10 miles	3	
Distance from fire station	Under 3 miles	1	
	3 -5 miles	2	
	Over 5 miles	3	
		Total	

2. Bród Society Event Risk Assessment Form

[Each event that your society organises should have its own separate risk assessment form completed by the Society Safety Officer or their designate. In this Safety Statement, you should include risk assessment forms for the general type of events you organise.

e.g. If your society organises workshops, each workshop will need its own risk assessment because each workshop is different, but in the Safety Statement you should include a risk assessment for the risks generally associated with your society's workshops.

You should fill out a Risk Assessment for each type of event or activity your Society organises, e.g classes, practice, performances, trips, conferences, conventions, etc.

See Appendix 1 - Advice on filling out the Societies Risk Assessment Form for help filling out the Risk Assessment Form. The actions required to control any hazards and who is responsible form part of your safety statement and by completing this statement you are committing to ensuring these actions are implemented at your events. All of your committee must be aware of the actions required and agree to implement them.

This safety statement must be uploaded to your dashboard and available for your members to see.

NUIG Bród SOCIETY RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

Activity /Event Description:

Date of Activity/Event: Duration of Activity/Event: Number of Participants:

Risk Factor Calculation – Calculate the Risk Factor for each identified Hazard, below.

Severity of Injury (S) -	Likelihood of Injury (L)	Risk Factor (R), $R = S \times L$
1 Negligible - all in a day's work	1 Improbable	<4 Risk may need to be controlled LOW
2 Minor - minor injury with short term effect	2 Remote - unlikely	4-6 Risk <u>must</u> be controlled MEDIUM

3 Severe - major injury/disability (reportable)	3 Possible - may or could well occur	7-9 Hazard <u>must</u> be controlled	HIGH
4 Extreme - fatal	4 Probable - expected to occur, several times	>9 Hazard <u>must</u> be avoided	VERY HIGH

Hazard Description	People at risk	Initial Risk Factor			Control Measures that will be put in place	Residual Risk Factor			Further Action/Comments (Who will check the control measures?)
		S	L	R		S	L	R	

(Extend this table as needed)

Completed by: Committee Position: Date:
Send copies to: Society Auditor, Societies Office

3. **Bród** Society Equipment Log (Please fill in one per each piece of equipment purchased by the society)



Societies Equipment Log Sheet

Equipment type / Name	
Serial Number	
Date of Purchase	
Cost	
Use / function	
Description of maintenance needed	
Description of annual service needed	
Authorised repairs agency	

Expected life span	
Instructions for use attached?	
Normal storage location	
Signed	
Society and Committee Position	
Date	

******The information below can be found on your dashboard******

Society Travel / Activity Form

Society Name

Date of event

From: _____ To: _____

Location: include address and telephone no. of accommodation

Event leader:

Safety officer:

Tel:

Tel:

E-mail

E-mail

Summary dates and times

Depart NUI Galway

Arrival destination

Return NUI Galway

Transportation type

Sample Activity/Trip Members' Rules

Society

Members' Rules for Event _____

Members are required to obey the following rules:

- Be aware of the hazards involved
- Must not jeopardize your own health & safety or that of others
- Must follow instructions given by officers of trip leaders
- Must attend training provided
- Must inform officers/trip leaders of any medical condition that may affect your ability to participate in activities or affect emergency first aid treatment.
- You are responsible for making an informed decision as to whether it is a suitable activity for you.
- If consuming Alcohol you must drink responsibly, and in a manner which will not endanger your own safety and health or that of others.
- You must never participate in activities while under the influence of alcohol.
- Ensure in the event of receiving medical treatment, that you are 100% satisfied that you have received all the medical treatment you require before being discharged.
- Members must stay in groups of no less 3 members and inform trip leaders of their daily itinerary; also you must check in with trip leaders at regular intervals throughout the day.

Adjust these rules as appropriate after completing your risk assessment. Your members will be required to sign the rules at time of purchasing tickets for the trip at the SocsBox. Tickets will only be sold to students and staff of NUI Galway who are members at the time of purchase.

Sample Society Activity/Trip Registration Form

Society Name: _____ Trip Name: _____ Trip Dates: _____				Note: By signing up to this trip, you certify that you have read and fully understood the members rules set out by the society for this trip, and you agree to comply with these trip rules.		
No.	Your Name (PRINT)	ID Number	Phone Number	Contact Name and Phone Number in case of Emergency	Any Relevant Medical Condition?	SIGNATURE
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