

## GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT FOR UK VENUES

# Wedding filming & drone *risk assessment.*

A generic risk assessment for PS Visuals wedding videography services — including ground-based filming and the optional use of an unmanned aerial system (drone). Please request a site-specific version if your venue requires additional detail beyond this document.

## ACTIVITY

Wedding videography &amp; aerial filming

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## REVIEW

Annually, or upon material change

## 1. Hazards — Ground operations

HAZARD	WHO IS AT RISK	CONTROL MEASURES	RESIDUAL
Tripping over cables, tripods or rigged equipment	Couple, guests, venue staff, suppliers	Cables routed to skirting; taped down or covered where they cross walking lines. Tripods sited away from circulation routes and fire-exit paths.	Low
Equipment falling on persons	Guests, operator	Tripods weighted or sand-bagged. Lighting mounted at safe heights, secured with safety cable. Tabletop kit positioned clear of edges.	Low
Electrical & mains equipment	Operator, guests, venue	All on-set kit is portable and double-insulated where applicable. Visual inspection before each event. PAT-test certification available on request.	Low
Working in low light or crowded spaces	Operator, guests	Operator briefed on venue layout in advance. Movement minimised during the ceremony and speeches. Headlamps available for back-of-house movement.	Low
Manual handling of equipment	Operator, second shooter	Cases lifted in pairs where heavier than safe limits. Trolleys used for long carries. Loads staged to minimise repeat trips and awkward postures.	Low
Lithium-ion batteries — fire risk	Operator, venue, guests	Batteries transported in fire-resistant LiPo bags. Charging only undertaken when attended; never on flammable surfaces. Damaged cells removed from service immediately.	Low
Working at height (e.g. balcony coverage)	Operator	Operator stays within designated walkways and existing barriers. No step-ladder use over 1m without spotter. No leaning over rails or balconies.	Low

## 2. Hazards — Drone operations

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HAZARD	WHO IS AT RISK	CONTROL MEASURES	RESIDUAL
Loss of aircraft control	Guests, property, third parties	Operator holds CAA A2 Certificate of Competency. Pre-flight checklist completed before every take-off. GPS lock confirmed. Return-to-home altitude set above local obstructions.	Low
Battery / power failure mid-flight	Guests, property	Battery state monitored continuously. Flights aborted at $\geq 30\%$ remaining. Spare batteries fully charged and staged before flight. Auto-return-on-low-battery enabled.	Low
People in the flight area	Couple, guests, suppliers	Take-off and landing zones cleared and cordoned where practical. 50 m separation from uninvolved persons maintained per CAA A2 rules. Flight paths planned to avoid overflight of groups.	Low
Adverse weather (wind, rain, fog)	Aircraft, property, third parties	Forecast checked pre-event. On-site wind reading taken before each flight. Flights cancelled in sustained winds > 25 mph, in precipitation, or in poor visibility.	Low
Airspace conflict / restricted airspace	Other aircraft, regulated airspace	Pre-flight check of NOTAMs and restricted airspace via Drone Assist. No flights in Flight Restriction Zones without explicit permission. Always Visual Line of Sight (VLOS).	Low
Bird strike or wildlife interference	Aircraft, third parties	Site surveyed for nesting / roosting wildlife before flight. Flights paused if birds approach flight envelope.	Low
Privacy & data protection	Couple, guests	Couple's consent confirmed in advance. Footage processed under UK GDPR. Aerial footage of guests minimised; venue approval obtained for any flight near accommodation.	Low

### 3. Emergency procedures

1. In the event of aircraft malfunction, the drone is brought to the nearest clear ground via manual control or auto-return-to-home, whichever is safer for persons and property.
2. In the event of injury to any person, work ceases immediately and the venue's First Aider is alerted. Emergency services called if required.
3. Any incident is logged by PS Visuals and reported to the public liability insurer within 24 hours.
4. Incidents involving the drone are reported to the UK CAA via the Mandatory Occurrence Reporting (MOR) system where applicable.

## 4. Compliance & documents on file

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- Public Liability Insurance, including commercial drone cover (certificate available)
  - CAA A2 Certificate of Competency (A2 CofC) — Flyer ID GBR-RP-M6SCBRBQC293
  - UK CAA Operator Registration — Operator ID GBR-OP-PB2P95PYGTGZ
  - This Risk Assessment (this document)
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