

**BLACKBURN ICE ARENA**  
**RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS & GROUPS**  
**(Including some sensible guidelines to follow for your safety and enjoyment)**

## **POTENTIAL HAZARDS**

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### **1. WHAT TO WEAR**

For your safety, we do not allow long scarves or any items of clothing that may trail on the floor and cause a hazard to other skaters.

For your comfort we advise that you wear warm clothing preferable long trousers or jeans, a top with long sleeves and a pair of gloves.

### **2. CARS USING THE CAR PARK**

Please make sure that everyone is aware that there will be other cars using the car park and follow normal safety procedures when crossing the car park. There are no roads to cross from the car park to the Arena.

### **3. GETTING SKATES FROM SKATEHIRE**

For your safety everyone must ensure that their skates are laced up securely and any long laces are tucked well in the boots. Care must be taken at skate hire to prevent any injuries whilst carrying your boots. There are benches around the rink and it is advisable to use these whilst putting your skates on so that exit routes are not blocked by people sitting on floors. (Pupils must not swap skates with each other as this will result in them being given back the wrong shoes at the end of their visit.)

### **4. USING THE ICE**

For your safety everybody must skate in an anti clockwise direction. No one is allowed to sit or climb over the safety barrier. Skaters must not skate at excessive speed. Skating in chains of two or more people, skating in trains or conga's are not allowed. Games of tig on the ice can be very dangerous and they too are not allowed. Under no circumstances must anybody be allowed to walk on the ice in normal shoes. (Except for the Duty Manager as required)

### **5. FIRST AID**

All our Duty Managers are first aid qualified and there is a Duty Manager in the building throughout the day when it is open to the general public. A suspected back injury or fracture must not be moved until one of our qualified first aiders is present.

### **6. SUPERVISION**

We do provide stewards for groups of over 100 skaters but it is the responsibility of the teachers and helpers to supervise their pupils at all times. **Please note that at busy periods the matting around the arena can get wet, therefore skaters are requested to walk around the rink, not run.**

### **7. FIRE / EVACUATION**

In the event of the fire alarm sounding during your visit you must all remain calm and listen for instructions from the Management and Blackburn Arena staff.

Group organisers can assist by ensuring that all of their group remain calm and wait for further instructions.