

AWARENESS VOLUNTEERING RISK ASSESSMENT

Your safety while volunteering is important to us.

Please read this risk assessment and confirm you will follow at the end.

Email us at volunteer@prostatecanceruk.org with any questions.





PLEASE OBSERVE ANY ADDITIONAL SAFETY INFORMATION OR RULES PROVIDED BY THE VENUE YOU ARE ATTENDING

Hazard	Risk	Control Measures
Viruses and transmissible diseases (including COVID 19)	Spaces with no air flow mean that germs and viruses spread more easily. Confined and crowded spaces increase risk of transmission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't volunteer if you feel unwell.• Open doors and windows where possible.• Maintain good hand hygiene, use hand gel if no washing facilities.• You may wish to consider wearing a face covering.
Hygiene – Food and drink	Food poisoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food should be prepared by professional companies with good hygiene standards.• If you have an allergy please read or ask for food ingredient details.
Lone working	Accident, injury, attack or abuse	Avoid lone working wherever possible – make sure someone knows where you are at all times.
Cash collecting	Attack, robbery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cash must be counted by volunteer and another adult• Anyone carrying charity funds in cash should be accompanied by someone else• Put the cash in a bag that disguises it & bank as soon as possible.
Slips and Trips	Injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If cables are being used – please move out of walkways or if not possible cover with a mat• Keep walkways clear of boxes and equipment• Take care on uneven surfaces and wear sturdy footwear
Health & Wellbeing	Becoming unwell, medical emergency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure you carry any essential medication (inhalers, epi pens etc) and have taken regular medications as needed.• Let someone know if you feel unwell or have any health conditions that could affect your volunteering.
Travel	Road traffic accidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you are driving to your volunteering location ensure your vehicle is safe, legal and roadworthy• Drivers should ensure they have valid insurance, MOT and driving licence• Use public transport where possible



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Manual Handling	Injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please see the manual handling instruction sheet.• Don't attempt to lift or move any item that is awkward or heavy.• Borrow a trolley where necessary or reduce the load (e.g. carry one box at a time or empty items to make it lighter.)• Where an item is large, get people to help.• If in doubt do not move the item• Check the floor is clear of obstacles and not slippery• If setting up a gazebo – please check for signs of wear, consult manufacturer's instructions, and anchor securely
Fire	Smoke inhalation, burns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be aware of where the fire exits are located if the fire alarms sounds• Do not position tables or stands obstructing exits• Leave everything behind and exit as quickly as possible
Working at height	Fall, injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid working at height
Terrorist attack	Injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow instructions from emergency services• Don't put yourself at risk
Dehydration or exhaustion	Becoming unwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure you have enough water, food and any regular medication for the amount of time you are volunteering.• Check there are chairs available so you are not standing for lengths of time
Weather Conditions	Becoming unwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check the weather before attending and take the appropriate clothing – sun block or waterproofs, warm clothing if cold etc.• If hot weather try to stay in the shade and have drinking water/sun hat, glasses etc.• Do not use gazebos, banners or stands outside in high winds



Manual handling dos and don'ts

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|  | Avoid twisting, turning, and bending your back. |  | Move smoothly in order to keep control. |
|  | Avoid looking at your feet while carrying; keep your head upright. |  | Put down and adjust the load if necessary. |
|  | Avoid carrying loads that block your line of vision. |  | Push and pull using your body's own weight. |
|  | Avoid lifting the load above your shoulders or letting it drop below your waist. |  | Keep the load within safe zones. |