

RISK ASSESSMENT – ADMINISTRATION OF INTOXICATING DOSES OF ALCOHOL

Department: Exp Psychol	Location: 12a Priory Road	Activity: Research	Date: 4 th January 2017
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Hazard	Who Might be Harmed?	Is the Risk Controlled?	Action
1. Participant injury (e.g. fall).	1. Research participants.	<p>1. Yes. At the end of the experimental session participants are unblinded as to their drink condition before they leave, and are advised to stay behind to allow the effects of alcohol to dissipate and participants are offered a taxi home.</p> <p>2. Researchers are told to keep the research space as clear as possible, including keeping the floor clear of bags and coats. Lockers are available for participant belongings in main laboratory area (5th floor, 12a Priory Road).</p>	<p>1. Laboratory staff to receive appropriate training with safety procedures and relevant SOPs.</p> <p>2. A member of staff will be available on call at all times when testing is taking place.</p> <p>3. Safety signs including names of designated first-aiders to be hung in all laboratories.</p> <p>4. Where alcohol may be given, participants are told in advance that they may receive alcohol and the maximum they may receive.</p> <p>5. Participants to be given information regarding their drink condition and hazards associated with intoxication at end of study.</p>
2. Nausea	1. Research participants.	<p>1. Yes. Regular consumers of alcohol are recruited so no adverse reactions to alcohol are expected. Larger doses of alcohol are staggered over two drinks and participants are made aware that they can discontinue with the study at any time.</p>	<p>1. Laboratory staff to receive appropriate training and be familiar with relevant SOPs.</p> <p>2. A member of staff will be available on call at all times when testing is taking place.</p> <p>3. Participants will know in advance of the levels of alcohol</p>

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<p>3. Participant becomes aggressive after alcohol.</p>	<p>1. Research staff.</p>	<p>1. Yes. Procedures are in place to protect staff members.</p>	<p>that they may consume. 4. Provision will be made for participants to stay behind until they feel fit to leave, and will be offered a taxi home.</p> <p>1. A member of staff will be available on call at all times when testing is taking place. 2. Testing is largely restricted to “work hours”, but out of work testing of participants is only permitted if a second member of staff is present. 3. Emergency contact signs are posted in all research laboratories.</p>
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