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Task-Based Risk Assessment: Forces and Energy

	ldentify Task	Identify hazard Potential Impact		Risk Rating before controls	Control Measures	Risk Rating following corrective action
1	Introduction and Vortex Cannon	Smoke machine and vortex cannon	Asthmatic students or students with allergies may experience a reaction or go into anaphylactic shock.	Extreme	Advise staff of the potential risks for students who may be affected. Assess the work area for appropriate ventilation before using the smoke machine. Monitor smoke levels throughout the activity.	Low
2		Equipment and	Students could choke on or ingest materials used in activities.	Extreme	Ensure students know that nothing is to be placed in their mouths during the incursion. Explain to staff to ensure adequate supervision.	Low
3		foreign materials.	Students could obtain injuries caused by inappropriate handling of equipment.	Extreme	Clearly demonstrate and explain to students how to safely handle equipment. Advise staff of potential risks to assist with supervision.	Low
	All activities	Steel balls	Steel balls create small sparks that could be harmful to students' eyes. Steel balls could hurt students' fingers.	Extreme	Ensure that students are wearing protective equipment (safety goggles) and have adequate space to use steel balls safely. Advise staff of potential risks to assist with supervision.	Low
4		Trips, slips and/or falls.	Students could fall, trip or collide with other students. Students could slip on equipment if left on the floor.	High	Explain and demonstrate how to appropriately use equipment at each rotation. Keep areas tidy as frequently as possible so equipment and materials do not accumulate on the floor.	Low
5		Propelled equipment	Students could propel items that may lead to hitting someone. Students could stand on an item and fall.	High	Explain boundaries to students and warn against standing where items are propelled. Keep areas tidy as frequently as possible so equipment and materials do not accumulate on the floor. Advise staff of potential risks to assist with supervision.	Low

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In assessing the level of risk, considerations such as the likelihood of an incident happening in combination with the seriousness of a consequence are used to gauge the overall risk level for an activity. The matrix below has been used as a guide to assist with developing the risk assessment:

Likelihood	Consequence					
Eineimood	1 Insignificant	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Major	5 Critical	
5 Almost Certain	Medium	Medium	High	Extreme	Extreme	
4 Likely	Low	Medium	High	High	Extreme	
3 Possible	Low	Medium	High	High	High	
2 Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High	
1 Rare	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	

Risk Level					
Low	Little chance of incident or serious injury.				
Medium	Medium Some chance of an incident and injury requiring first aid.				
High	Likely chance of a serious incident and injury requiring medical treatment.				
Extreme	High chance of a serious incident resulting in highly debilitating injury.				