



Venue address

NEC Birmingham

HALL 3A

Birmingham

B40 1NT

Event date

Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 June 2019

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Accidents and near misses

If you are involved in or witness an accident or near miss while on-site, please report it to the organiser's office immediately.

Accommodation

Please find below details of hotels in the vicinity of the NEC:

- Genting Hotel, Resorts World: www.gentinghotel.co.uk
- Crowne Plaza Birmingham NEC: www.cpbirminghamnechotel.co.uk
- Holiday Inn Express: www.expressbirminghamnec.co.uk

Please note that these hotels are just a guide for exhibitors, and are not recommended by UCAS.

Alcohol and drugs policy

The consumption of alcohol is not permitted during build-up and breakdown. The venue has a strict drugs and alcohol policy, which allows them to offer to test or eject from site any contractor suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Due to the nature of the event the sale of alcohol will not be permitted.

Arrival

To gain entry to the venue, you must register the details of who will be attending before the event through your ENet account. Instructions on how to do this will be sent to the lead booker by email, but you must make sure that you bring your barcoded ticket with you.

On arrival your ticket will be scanned in, and you will be issued with an exhibitor lanyard to put your ticket in – which is to be worn at all times while in the venue.

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Balloons

Helium filled balloons are not permitted at this event.



Build-up and breakdown

Exhibitors will be able to set up from 17:00 on Sunday 23 June 2019 until 19:00. You will be able to have access from 08:00 on Monday 24 June 2019 to set up.

Build up times:

Sunday 23 June 17:00 – 19:00 Monday 24 June 08:00 – 09:15 Tuesday 25 June 08:00 – 09:15

Electronic traffic signage for UCAS will direct you to the dedicated lorry park. You will need to visit the lorry park if you have goods to unload, whether you are in a car or a lorry/van. The traffic officer will issue you with a vehicle access pass for delivery/unloading and will then direct you to the appropriate gate. This pass is not a parking pass. If the loading bay is busy and at capacity, the traffic team may hold vans and cars back in the lorry park to avoid congestion at the hall. Your patience and cooperation is much appreciated.

Once you have unloaded, you will need to remove your vehicle by the time stated on your pass, and park in an outer area car park. The traffic team will be able to direct you to a suitable car park. Please see the car parking section for more information.

Please note, the NEC is a very busy site during build-up, so these instructions must be followed. If you are using an agency or courier, please ensure they are aware of the above instructions.

Break-down times:

Tuesday 25 June 15:00 – 16:15

Business centre

The business centre is located at the top of the stairs by Hall 5. A member of staff will be happy to assist exhibitors.

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Car parking

Exhibitor car parking is in East 1,2,3, and 4. Parking on Sunday 23 June is free of charge for exhibitors. The NEC has allocated a limited number of passes for Monday and Tuesday which gives free car parking. These passes need to be displayed in your car when you leave the car park at the end of each day. Please collect your pass at the exhibitor helpdesk in the hall.



Carpet

The hall floor will be covered with a charcoal carpet to the aisles, and light grey carpet to the stand. If you have specific flooring requirements, please contact Formula Exhibitions on 01904 608 855.

Cash machine

There are cash machines located on the Piazza boulevard.

Catering

There will be a catering outlet where you can exchange your tea and coffee vouchers. The Piazza boulevard has a host of catering outlets for refreshments, and hot and cold food.

Each single stand (irrespective of the number of staff) will be provided with four free tea and coffee vouchers per day, for the duration of the event. If you are on a double stand or larger we will provide eight vouchers per day, which can be redeemed in the exhibitor's lounge. Each stand will also receive a bottle of water each day.

Children

Children under the age of 16 are not allowed in the venue during build-up and breakdown in order to comply with health and safety legislation.

Cleaning

Common areas and aisles will be vacuumed each day and rubbish will be removed, but exhibits will not be cleaned. Please leave bags of rubbish in the gangway after the show has closed each day for collection.

Cloakroom

The main cloakroom is located to the right of the entrance into hall 3A on the Piazza boulevard.

Contractors

If you are employing a contractor to build or design the interior of your stand, please ensure that they receive a copy of this manual. They must also adhere to the venue's rules and regulations, which are contained in the <u>eGuide</u>. These are attached to the back of this manual.



We would also appreciate it if you could let us know the company name so that our security team are aware, and also send through the stand plans including a method statement and risk assessment.

Under the new CDM regulations, all contractors working onsite must be inducted at the NEC during build-up and breakdown. If you have a space-only stand, please email events@ucas.ac.uk so we can arrange the induction.

For security reasons, all contract staff must register to gain entry to the venue. A wristband will be provided on arrival at the NEC and must be worn at all times when in the venue.

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Deliveries

Any deliveries to your stand on show open days must be completed, and your vehicle removed from the loading areas, by the time stipulated on your vehicle pass. The venue will not allow the show to open if vehicles are blocking fire exit routes, and trolleys are not permitted on the exhibition floor during open hours in consideration of public safety.

If you are expecting goods to be delivered by courier, please ensure they are aware of the dates of the show and hall opening times. Deliveries made before 08:00 on Sunday 23 June will not be accepted as UCAS tenancy with the NEC does not begin until this time.

Delivery times are as follows: Sunday 23 June 08:00 – 18:00 Monday 24 June 08:00 – 09:15 Tuesday 25 June 08:00 – 09:15

The venue address for couriers is:

Name and number of stand UCAS exhibition Hall 3A NEC Birmingham B40 1NT

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Electrical services and stand power

All onsite electrical work must be carried out by a qualified, competent person, and inspected by the appointed electrical contractor prior to energising. Our stand contractor, Formula Exhibitions, has a comprehensive range of electrical services for hire and installation, and offers an extensive range of light fittings and flexible power supplies, including three-phase.



An <u>electrics order form</u> is available on the <u>UCAS Media exhibitions 2019 web page</u>. Please complete and return the form to Formula Exhibitions, whose contact details are on the form.

Orders for additional electrical services must be completed at least 16 working days before 24 June 2019, to ensure the mains can be laid before stand building begins. Exhibitors bringing portable appliances should ensure the items have been recently PAT tested (Portable Appliance Tested) and bear the PAT test pass certificate.

Use of the venue's electrical sockets is not permitted, and cables must not cross gangways. Once power has been energised during build-up, it will be switched off each night, including the pre-open night. Power to your stand will be switched off 30 minutes after the show closes and will not be switched back on under any circumstances, due to the hazards presented during the breakdown of stands.

All shell scheme stands will be fitted, as standard, with one fluorescent light. Please note, electrical sockets are **not** provided as standard, as part of the shell scheme exhibition stands.

Emergency procedures

Please ensure you are familiar with the procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency at the venue. These will be in the exhibitor pack found on your stand when you arrive.

Exhibition stands and furniture

Below is how our shell scheme stands will look once built. The name board is located to the side of the stand, with an arrow pointing into the stand:





The shell scheme panels are finished in high quality, fire retardant, nylon loop material, and are manufactured to comply with class 1 fire regulations. They allow for the easy fixing of display items using Velcro tapes and tabs. The walls are butt jointed panelling, 2.44m high and 50mm thick, and are pre-finished in nylon loop material. Please note that 25 – 50mm may be lost from the width of your exhibition stand if you are situated in a block or as part of a row. If you are having graphics printed to fit the shell scheme walls, we would recommend contacting the organiser at events@ucas.ac.uk to double-check the measurements.

The name of your organisation and stand number will be displayed on the name board of your stand, based on the details provided during your online booking. Please inform UCAS Media immediately if there are any amendments to be made, at events@ucas.ac.uk. Any name boards altered within ten working days prior to the exhibition will incur a charge.

What's included with your exhibition stand?

An LED strip light will be included on the stands. An order form is included on the <u>UCAS Media</u> <u>exhibitions web page</u> for additional electrical requirements. This must be returned to Formula Exhibitions no later than 16 days prior to the event (including weekends). Please note, electrical sockets are not provided as standard, as part of the shell scheme exhibition stands.

Space-only stands

Important: Contractors will not be allowed to start their build-up until they have complied with all the requirements of the Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1992.

Exhibitors building a space-only stand are advised to make a site visit when necessary. All structures, materials, special designs, unusual constructions, and all signs, must conform to British safety standards and codes of practice, and comply with local council regulations or those of any other statutory authority (see 'Fire regulations').

Complex structures

A complex structure is any form of construction of any height, which would normally be designed by an engineer, and has, through a risk assessment, been found to provide a significant risk.

Examples of complex structures include:

- structures over 4m in height
- multi-storey stands
- viewing and service platforms
- suspended items, e.g. signs and lighting rigs
- raised walkways
- ramps
- sound and lighting towers
- temporary tier seating
- platforms and stages over 0.6 metres high
- structures with a roof

The following details are required for complex structures:

Detailed, scaled, structural drawings (including staircases, plan views, and elevations).



- Calculations, specifications, and method statement, each showing the event name and the structure's name or number.
- For each complex structure, the organiser will be required to send two complete sets of the above in English items should not be sent piecemeal.
- A suitably qualified and experienced person, generally a chartered engineer, with adequate professional indemnity cover, must confirm the design is safe for its purpose, and certify all complex structures.

Space-only

Any space-only stand exhibitor must provide the event organiser with:

- a copy of a scale drawing, including plans and elevations
- a construction timetable
- a method statement
- a risk assessment
- · full details of fabrics and materials being used
- third party insurance certificate, showing minimum cover of £5 million

The organiser reserves the right to submit any plans to a structural engineer, who will charge a fee which is **not** pre-determinable, and must be paid by the exhibitor or their contractor prior to commencement of the works.

Space-only sites are not permitted to attach any material to the shell scheme walls without prior permission. Space-only sites booked between shell scheme sites must take into consideration the size of the allocated space. Failure to take care over internal measurements could mean the stand will not fit in the allotted space. All partition surfaces built above the standard 2.44 metre shell scheme height must be decorated. If in doubt, please email events@ucas.ac.uk for advice.

In addition, all stands must be finished both front and back.

Construction materials

- Artificial flowers and similar decorations are combustible and give off toxic fumes. They must not be
 used for decorations. Silk type flowers are acceptable, providing they have been fireproofed to BS
 5438, and are marked as such. Cellulose plants are flammable, and must not be used as stand
 dressing.
- Carpets, flooring, and other flexible floor covering and underlays, when tested appropriately in
 accordance with BS 4790, should either not ignite, or have the effects of ignition limited to a radius
 of 35mm on both upper and under surface. For fixing of floor coverings, all contractors and suppliers
 will be required to use NEC approved tape. It will be mandatory for all contractors to use this, to
 ensure they do not incur any unnecessary dilapidation charges. Other forms of fixing such as cable
 clips, nails, or bolts are strictly prohibited.
- Drapes, curtains, hangings, and temporary decorations shall be flame-retardant, and comply with BS EN 4790. They should hang 75mm clear of the ground, be parted in the centre, and not conceal any exit signs. Curtains, hanging decorations, and upholstery shall be secured a minimum of 75mm above the floor level by a 75mm deep skirting, fixed taut, and/or in tight pleats to a solid backing. The organiser will produce test certificates for any materials they intend to use. If the venue is not satisfied that any material meets the standards required, they will be removed from the venue.



- Glazing must comply with the current UK building regulations and relevant British standards, including BS 6206 and BS 6262. Any uninterrupted large areas of clear glazing, especially glazed doors, shall be indicated, so as to be readily apparent (for example, by warning stripes, dots, or logos), to ensure people do not injure themselves by inadvertently walking into the glass. Any overhead glazing shall be of wired glass, or be otherwise adequately protected from shattering.
- Paint spraying a notice of 28 days in writing of any proposed use of a paint sprayer must be provided, as the sprayer shall not be used without the consent of the venue. Paint spraying will be permitted, provided:
 - o only water-based paints are used
 - o protective measures are undertaken to ensure no paint is spilt on floors, or sprayed or splashed on the walls, or other parts of the building, structures, or equipment
 - o no nuisance is caused to other persons in the venue

Event staff

There will be event staff available throughout the set-up and open times, who will be easily identifiable by their red UCAS branded t-shirts. They will ensure empty boxes are cleared away, aisles are kept tidy, and direct students and exhibitors as necessary. Please do not hesitate to ask for their assistance. However, they will not undertake any excessive lifting.

Exhibitors' property

Exhibitors' stands and exhibits on stands are not accepted into the custody or control of the licensor, and exhibitors shall make their own insurance arrangements. 24-hour security is provided during the event. However, while NEC/UCAS Media Events take every precaution to protect exhibitors' property during any event, they are not responsible for any loss or damage.

NEC/UCAS Media Events also accept no responsibility for anything left on the premises, and exhibitors must make arrangements for all material to be removed from the exhibition by 20:00 on Tuesday 25 June 2019. Any items left on the premises after the tenancy has expired will be deemed as rubbish and will be disposed of during the cleaning operation.

We would recommend insurance cover to include, as a minimum, legal liability for personal injury and damage to third party property based on a limit of indemnity of £2 million. It is also prudent to extend cover to include abandonment, and cancellation or curtailment of the event due to circumstances beyond your control. All exhibits of jewellery should have a block insurance policy.

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Filming

If you are planning on having any filming at the show, you must inform the organiser, as there are



regulations which will need to be followed.

Fire regulations

The following regulations are included in the <u>eGuide</u> and must be complied with by all contractors and exhibitors.

All materials used in the construction of stands, features, and displays, including signs and fascias, shall be:

- of a suitable nature and quality for the purposes and conditions of their intended use
- adequately prepared and fixed in order to adequately perform the functions for which they were designed
- non-combustible, inherently non-flammable, or durably flameproof in accordance with BS476-Part 7
- water-based, where applicable, e.g. adhesives and paint

British Standards are the minimum acceptable standards for construction materials. Suitable samples of materials may be submitted to the venue for approval. Materials may be tested on site to ensure that they comply.

Any decorative materials – drapes, curtains etc. – must be flame proofed. Floor coverings must be secured in place so as not to cause a hazard.

It is understood that exhibitors will use paper-based products as part of their stand materials, (which is a combustible material). A direct 'no smoking' control measure will be in place across all venues to reduce the associated risks of fire. If any display includes a flammable product or substance then this should be considered and controlled by a separate risk assessment, subject to the approval or the event organiser's e.g. a cooking display.

First aid

There will be first aiders available during the event. Should you require medical assistance, please contact the organisers in the organiser's office or a member of the security team out on the exhibition floor.

Footwear

Suitable footwear must be worn on-site during build-up and breakdown. Open-toed sandals or shoes, flip-flops, and flimsy footwear are not permitted.

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Height restrictions

The height limit of displays is 4m. If you have purchased a shell scheme only, the stand panels are 1m wide and 2.44m high. Exhibitors wishing to build above 2.44m should contact the event organisers.

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Insurance

It is essential you take out adequate employee and public liability insurance against personal injury, damage to or loss of exhibits, etc.

While the organisers take every precaution to protect exhibitors' property during an event, they are not responsible for any loss or damage. You should ensure you have adequate public and employers' liability cover, in line with the booking terms and conditions.

Internet

NEC offers a free blanket WiFi network in the hall '_NEC Free WiFi.' If the internet is crucial to your stand activity, we recommend purchasing a dedicated connection.

Exhibitors requiring internet access, PCs, and network services on their stand should contact the products team at the NEC on 0844 338 8338 or eventorders@thenec.co.uk.

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Lost property

Need help finding your dearly departed belongings? Head straight to the main lost property area in the security office in the Piazza between Subway and Hall 1. There's also a smaller security office in the Atrium near Hall 6. Once the show's over all lost property is moved to the Piazza security office, so give them a call on **0121 767 3883** and they'll do their best to help.

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Organisers

The organiser's office will be situated at the entrance to the exhibition.



Passages and gangways

Any means of ingress and egress, passageway, or gangway must remain free from obstruction, and be kept free from obstruction for the duration of the exhibition.

- No part of any stand or exhibit is permitted to encroach on a passageway or gangway, and no door, window, or other similar facility may open outwards to project beyond the perimeter of the stand.
- The floor around your stand shall be kept level and even, and shall not be allowed to become slippery or a source of danger.
- Where an exhibition stand is not provided with a platform, the space shall be clearly defined, and the exhibits shall be arranged to maintain passageways and gangways of uniform width.

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Risk assessment

All exhibitors, by completing their booking to attend the event, have legally agreed to implement the control measures – as detailed in the generic risk assessment provided at the point of booking – for exhibitors attending an event of this nature. This highlights the significant risks that exist during such an event. A copy of the risk assessment can be found at the back of this exhibitor manual. You are strongly advised to read this document, and encourage all staff attending the event with you to do the same.

You may also have completed an additional risk assessment as part of your booking. Please ensure you bring a copy of this with you to the event, and also email a copy to the organisers at events@ucas.ac.uk.

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Scanner collection

If you have booked scanners to be used at the exhibition, you will be able to collect them between 08:30 – 09:15, at the front of the exhibition hall.

Security

Security will be in place throughout set-up and during the event. Please do not arrange for goods to be delivered to the hall before this time. Please assist us by wearing your exhibitor pass at all times. Entry to the hall will not be permitted without a pass.



Please take account of the following security advice from the venue:

- Take home any valuable items each night if there are no secure storage facilities onsite.
- Do not leave your stand unattended at any time during build-up, the open period, or the breakdown of the show. Do not leave the hall until all visitors have gone each evening.
- Do not position desirable items at the front of your stand, where you may not be able to keep an eye on them.
- Ensure you have enough staff, so the stand is not vulnerable to thieves, and do not ask a neighbouring exhibitor to watch over your stand while you go for a break. They may become busy and not be able to keep an eye on your stand.
- Remove all portable or valuable items from the stand on the evening the show closes.
 Do not leave them until the following day for collection.
- Arrive in time for the show. Ensure your stand is staffed at least 15 minutes before show open time each day.
- If you are a victim of theft, please report it immediately to the organiser's office.

The NEC have now introduced an extra measure of security by installing security arches at each of the venue's main entrances. This is an alternative to bag searches, so will hopefully speed up entering the venue. Random bag searches may still take place while the new system is being implemented.

Smoking

NEC operates a strict no smoking policy in the venue, and would ask for your full cooperation in ensuring this is complied with.

Storage

There are unsecured facilities for the storage of exhibition material, cases, and catalogues at the back of the hall. No storage is allowed in areas behind stands, in gangways, under stairs, obstructing fire exits, etc. Please ensure you store your items in an orderly fashion.

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Trolleys

Trolleys are not provided at the venue, so please bring your own if you need one to deliver goods to your stand.

Trolleys are only permitted on the exhibition floor outside event opening hours, for the safety of visitors.







UCAS Events Exhibitor Code of Conduct

Introduction

UCAS organise a network of Events across the UK for prospective students to receive information, advice and guidance regarding their future education and career opportunities from a wider range of institutions and organisations. In order to ensure that students' needs are at the heart of the Events, and that all exhibitors are able to effectively engage with students, it is necessary to require all exhibitors to adhere to the following code of conduct. The code of conduct has been agreed jointly between UCAS and HELOA.

Staffing

- All members of staff who will be attending or working on the Events should see a copy of the Code of Conduct and be able to comply fully. They should display a high standard of professionalism in their work and offer information, advice and guidance effectively and with integrity.
- Exhibitors should provide appropriate personnel to staff the stand, adequately trained with sufficient knowledge to offer quality representation of their institution or organisation. Pre-event information should be passed on to those attending the Event.
- Please carefully consider the number of staff working at each Event. All staff should be able to
 comfortably work within the allocated space provision. UCAS recommends no more than two staff
 for a 2m x 1m stand, three people for a 3m x 2m stand and six people for 6m x 2m stand. Any
 additional staff may be asked to leave if the health, safety or comfort of visitors or other exhibitors is
 compromised.
- Seminars are delivered on an impartial basis. To uphold the Events' impartiality, those asked to
 deliver a seminar at the Event ensure their presentation delivers general advice and guidance, and
 not be perceived to deliver an unfair bias towards a particular HE provider, organisation or company.
 Any presenter who does not support impartiality will prohibited from delivering seminars at future
 Events.
- Exhibitors should inform UCAS and the Local Event Organiser if they are unable to attend an Event.
 Many Events are at capacity with a waiting list of exhibitors. Non-attendance at Events, without prior notice, may jeopardise participation at future Events.

Marketing materials

- All promotional material should be relevant and provide a balanced view of the organisation it represents.
- Unless a specific stand size has been booked the standard provision of space is:
 - Shell scheme: 3m x 2m. Furniture will not automatically be provided you can select during the booking whether you would like the standard furniture.
 - O Campus Events: 2m x 1m. One table and two chairs will be provided to fit within this space allocation.

Display stands and all materials must be of the appropriate dimensions to fit within this space allocation without obstructing the aisles or neighbouring stands. Storage space at Campus Events is minimal therefore all banner stands/prospectus storage must be kept within the stand area and



must not obstruct neighbouring stands/ aisle space or cause trip hazards. If the stand size exceeds the provided space allocation exhibitors will be asked to dismantle/adjust their display materials to fit within the allocated space.

During Events

- Exhibitors should arrive and set up in sufficient time before the opening of the Event and not to
 depart until the Event has officially closed. Exhibitors are required to remain at the Event for the
 duration of the opening times so to ensure that all visitors have fair access to information and advice.
- Stands must not be dismantled whilst visitors remain in the hall for health and safety reasons.
- Exhibitors must remain on their stand throughout the Event and do not carry out any promotional
 based activity in the gangways or between stands. This is for the purpose of both health and safety
 and to ensure students are able to access a range of information, advice and guidance.
- Exhibitors should wait for students to approach, rather than 'touting'.
- Information, advice and guidance must not be to the detriment of other Exhibitors.
- Trolleys/cases cannot be brought onto the Event floor during Event opening hours.

Upholding the Code of Conduct

UCAS and HELOA recognise that exhibitors work hard to ensure that they are able to comply with the code of conduct and in the unlikely Event that issues arise, any concerns will be addressed quickly.

Any exhibitor, local Event organiser or visitor with concerns should initially raise these with the UCAS Representative present at the Event. The UCAS Representative will liaise with the relevant exhibitor(s) in order to seek a resolution. All issues raised will be logged and reviewed regularly by UCAS and HELOA. If issues arise repeatedly, the individual with overall responsibility for UCAS Events at the institution/organisation will be notified and appropriate resolution sought. Attendance at future Event will be jeopardised if the code of conduct is not upheld.

If concerns relate to serious health and safety issues, the UCAS Representative (or Local Organiser) will take any immediate steps required to ensure the health and safety of staff, exhibitors and visitors.

Outside of Events, UCAS can be contacted via events@ucas.ac.uk





ASSESSOR (LINE MANAGER)

NAME: David Hale

SIGNATURE:

ORGINATOR & MONITORED BY THE H&SE ADVISER (Jovita Milanes)

ASSESSOR (LINE MANAGER)

ORGINATOR & MONITORED BY THE H&SE ADVISER (Jovita Milanes)

NAME OF STAFF: Becky Jones

R. Jones

SIGNATURE:

DATE: 22.05.2019

DATE: 23.05.2019

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HAZARDS				Risk				Risk
Over-crowding of event hall / stand	Public and exhibitors	2	3	6	 The floor plan has been designed to maximise aisle widths to avoid overcrowding. Suitable space around the stands and feature areas, which will be monitored, by floor managers and organisers. Exhibitors to ensure that staff manning the stands keep within their stand to avoid bottle necking in aisles. Organisers to reinforce this with any exhibitor deemed to be carrying out interactions away from their allocated stand space. Organisers to schedule arrivals in line with venue capacities, and monitor arrivals with help from the venue, to prevent overcrowding. Coach arrival schedule also to be used if appropriate. 	2	2	4

Security marking: PUBLIC

					 Appropriate staffing to be put in place by organisers, to manage the flow of visitors through the venue. All staff to be visibly identifiable. Organisers to monitor the exhibition area. Exhibitors to notify organisers should their stand, or the immediate locality of their stand, become overcrowded. All to obey instructions given by the organiser, venue staff or sub-contractor used, to help control traffic and pedestrian flows. 			
Fire	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event ambassadors	3	4	12	 Fire exits to be kept clear of obstructions. Fire extinguishers to be available in the venue. Ensure all waste is collected and stored correctly. Exhibitors to ensure all waste and flammable waste material is removed from stand area. Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organisers and event ambassadors will use designated smoking areas. Collate evidence that fire drills are undertaken annually at the venue (Under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, venues have to record the results of a fire drill as part of fire safety and evacuation planning) 	2	2	4
Evacuation	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event ambassadors	3	3	9	 Venue to ensure fire prevention detection and alarm systems are adequate for the venue, and have been checked and maintained in efficient working order. Organisers and venue to ensure the current number of exits from the venue are adequate. Floor plan submitted to venue in advance of the event for approval. Evacuation plan to be known by organisers and communicated to event ambassadors, exhibitors and contractors. Organisers to provide contractors, exhibitors and visitors with relevant evacuation procedure documentation, including fire assembly point. 	2	2	4

					 Exhibitors should ensure they are aware of the nearest emergency exit and keep all exits clear of obstructions at all times. Contractors, exhibitors and visitors to ensure they are aware of evacuation procedures, read all relevant documentation provided, and follow all instructions given if needed to evacuate. Ensure all gangways and emergency exits are kept clear. All emergency exits maintained and kept clear for the duration of the event. Exhibitors should not block aisles or public areas, including during build-up and breakdown periods, and ensure that stand displays are kept within the allocated stand space. Organisers to ensure PA system can be heard clearly in all public areas, where possible. If any evacuation announcements cannot be heard over the atmospheric noise, then security staff are to go into the halls to evacuate people. Collate evidence that fire drills are undertaken annually at the venue (Under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, venues have to record the results of a fire drill as part of fire safety and evacuation planning) 	
Slips / trips and falls	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event ambassadors	3	3	9	 Exhibitors should ensure that all boxes and equipment are appropriately stacked/stored within the allocated stand space. UCAS to remind exhibitors via email of the Exhibitor Terms and Conditions, highlighting that exhibitors should keep their displays within their allocated stand. Organisers to check all exhibitor stands are appropriate and do not pose a trip hazard, before the event opens. Exhibitors should request that all empty, flat-packed, and broken boxes are removed from their stand by the event staff. 	2

					 Organisers and exhibitors to ensure empty boxes are cleared from stand, with assistance from event ambassadors. Organisers and exhibitors to ensure no trailing cables in stand area, or in adjoining pedestrian walkways. Organisers and exhibitors to ensure personal belongings are stored away appropriately. Organisers and exhibitors to ensure all other waste is stored and removed safely. Exhibitors should ensure they do not break down any part of their stand until all visitors have left the exhibition area and the organiser has said breakdown may begin. 			
Working at height	Exhibitors, contractors, venue and UCAS staff	3	3	9	 Maximum height build of 4m. All work to be carried out from a stable support – either ladder or scaffold – with suitable warning signs and barriers to section off the work area as necessary. Exhibitors to ensure all staff required to work at height are suitably trained. Suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) clothing and footwear to be worn. 	2	3	6
Stands falling over	Public and exhibitors	3	2	6	 All exhibitors to ensure their stands are safe and secure, and report any problems to the organiser. Any exhibitors with complex stands to submit their own risk assessment to UCAS Events. Organisers will ask any stand deemed unsafe to be removed, or will work with the exhibitor to secure the stand. Stand contractor to sign off stand build on completion once satisfied that all stands are safe as per their risk assessment. Organising team to monitor structures with visual checks for the duration of the event. 	2	2	4

ACTIVITY & SIGNIFICANT	PEOPLE AT RISK	Likelihoo d	Impact	Initial	RISK CONTROL MEASURES	Likelihoo d	Impact	Residual
HAZARDS				Risk				Risk
Special structure: platforms/marquees etc.	Exhibitors and venue staff	3	3	9	 Special structure plans submitted and checked by the venue six weeks in advance of the event. Maximum height build of 4m. 	2	3	6
Lifting equipment (FLTs, cranes etc.) Power tools and heat sources	Contractors	3	3	9	 Only the appointed qualified contractor supplied by venue or organiser to use lifting equipment. Power tools used by contractors have the minimum length of trailing leads and protection mechanically and visually from any damage. Such equipment is never to be left unattended with the power supply switched on. Appropriate signage and warning lights used, where necessary. 	2	3	6
Catering facilities (mobile & static)	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event ambassadors	3	2	6	 All catering facilities and staffing provided by venue, and therefore at the control of venue. Reputable and known concessions units only. Hygiene regulations to be followed rigidly. Catering company to employ suitable and trained staff. Catering staff to ensure all spills are cleaned immediately. 	1	2	2
Variety of contractors and exhibitors on-site	Contractors and exhibitors	2	3	6	 Exhibitors to agree to a risk assessment as part of their booking, and supply additional information where appropriate for tasks which are not covered by the standard Exhibitor Risk Assessment. Only experienced, reliable and approved contractors used. Organiser to be informed of any particular hazards arising prior to, and during the exhibition. Basic checks made on contractor and exhibitor risk assessments. 	2	2	4

					 Contractors are the specific responsibility of the hiring company, i.e. the exhibitor. Exhibitors are responsible to ensure that their contractors use appropriate equipment and are competent to do so and be able to show proof of training if requested. Estimated staffing number of contractors is two. All exhibitors and contractors wishing to work late must request permission from the organiser prior to the event, to enable security, first aid, electricity and lighting to be arranged for the halls or particular stands. Each contracting firm must have a qualified first aider on their staff, covering crew staying late. The contractor must also supply the name of the person in charge and a contact number. No helium balloons allowed in the venue unless prior written consent is obtained, and safe systems of work are put in place. 	
Electricity: connections, and power to stands etc.	Exhibitors	3	3	9	 Exhibitors to only use electrical supplies/sockets supplied by the event organisers, or those that have been supplied by sub-contractors appointed by the organiser. The organiser's appointed contractor will install power supplies on all stands, where needed. Exhibitors are not allowed to do their own wiring, due to potential substandard and dangerous installations being energised. Exhibitors to ensure equipment is used safely and for the purpose for which it was designed. Exhibitors should ensure no sockets or connections are overloaded in their stand area, and, if in doubt, should seek approval from the event organiser. All electronic portable appliances brought to site by exhibitors should bear a valid PAT test certificate. Ensure all electrical risks are controlled, and a member of staff from the electrical contractor is onsite at all times. 	4

					 Only experienced, reliable and approved contractors used. All orders for electricity must be placed before the deadline, where applicable. 	
Build-up and Breakdown	Exhibitors, contractors, venue and UCAS staff	3	3	9	 At least two hours set-up period for exhibitors, with any additional access time to be allowed only with pre-approval from the organiser before the build-up day. Only authorised persons are permitted in the venue for build-up and breakdown. Children under 18 are not allowed on-site for the entire duration of build-up and breakdown. No vehicles allowed in exhibition area during open hours. Vehicles can be permitted on-site during build-up and breakdown with permission from the organiser. All to be aware of the potential hazards of contractors moving around site, including the use of forklift trucks and delivery vehicles. Badges/wristbands to be worn by exhibitors to allow them access before the event opens to the public. All contractors to be monitored on-site, with regard to the tasks undertaken, and suitable PPE to be worn when necessary. Organisers to control access into areas where major lifting and construction is taking place. Security to wear PPE only if indicated by the organiser and assist floor managers in PPE policy if required. 	6
Traffic management	Visitors and exhibitors	2	2	4	 Parking arrangements for exhibitors and visitors and loading bay information to be communicated in advance within the exhibitor manual on www.ucas.com/exhibitions Traffic marshals used to control flow of traffic on-site Venue contact details to be made available in advance, along with parking permits, if applicable. Traffic marshals in place in car park / unloading areas. Care to be taken when driving to and from the venue. Observe speed limits and good driving practice: 'no mobiles when mobile" and 'switch off before you drive off'. 	2

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HAZARDS				Risk				Risk
Manual handling	Exhibitors and event ambassadors	3	3	9	 Exhibitors to ensure all stand staff are trained in the correct manual handling procedures. Manual handling document to be provided in exhibitor and event ambassadors packs. All to wear appropriate footwear. Liquid spills to be monitored by cleaners and cleared up. Any wet floors to be marked with hazard signs immediately. 	2	3	6
Visitor orientation	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event ambassadors	3	3	9	 Visitors to access venue through front main entrance during event. All relevant information will be put on the floor plan – including first aid, catering, etc. Use the floor plan to highlight key areas of interest to aid movement around the venue, such as exhibitor stand locations, entrance and exit points, first aid point, organiser's office, seminar rooms, refreshments areas. All stands are advised to have access for the disabled, via the exhibitor manual and stand inspection. Organisers and stewards to monitor disabled guests for ease of movement around the venue. Organisers to ensure there is disabled access/egress to the venue. All height limits will be strictly enforced to enable clear view of signs and banners. Organisers to ensure appropriate staffing in place to provide a managed and safe environment for exhibitors, staff and visitors. No use of trolleys on the exhibition hall floor to move materials during the open hours of the exhibition. 	2	2	4

Alcohol / substance controls	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event ambassadors	2	2	4	 Security marshals in place to monitor flows of traffic and pedestrians in the venue. No alcohol/substances permitted in the venue. Venues with bar facilities are clearly notified of this before event. Venue will be responsible for relevant checks, if necessary. If anyone is found to be in possession of controlled drugs (Class A, B or C), or under the influence, the police will be notified. Any offenders will be asked to leave the event. First aid staff to manage any injury as a result of alcohol/substance abuse. 	2	1	2
Hazard and injury from negative and positive behaviours where staff may not follow rules, and requirements of risk assessments for the above hazards and risks.	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event ambassadors	3	3	9	 a) PPE training on all types of PPE, and on skin care: risk assessment requirements briefed to staff PPE as identified in risk assessment b) Chemicals - COSHH risk assessment requirements briefed to staff. MSDS and product guidance available staff competence and supervision. waste storage, collection and disposal system in place c) Organising team to be provided a quarterly event season briefing of health and safety including review of risk assessment before going on site. d) Venue specific details of risk and health and safety should be included within each event briefing. 	2	2	4
Illness or injury	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event ambassadors	3	3	9	 A member of the venue event staff to be contacted if in need of first aid. A member of event staff and/or security staff to be positioned in the venue at all times. Ensure that the first aid point is known to exhibitors and event ambassadors and featured on the floor plan in the Exhibition Guide. 	2	3	6

					 Organisers to ensure first aid post is staffed by qualified persons. UCAS organising staff to be first aid trained. If UCAS first aider is involved or assists in an accident/incident, this must be documented in the organiser's first aid book and a copy provided for UCAS. Room temperature to be monitored throughout the event to maintain appropriate levels. 			
Hanging Banners	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event ambassadors	2	3	6	 To be erected by qualified and competent riggers and signed off by qualified person. "Working at height" control measures implemented as per above Separate risk assessment and method statement. Pockets on banners are to be stitched or vinyl welded only. 	2	2	4
Emergency situation to include fire, medical and bomb threat	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event ambassadors	3	4	12	Event organiser to have full event briefing with venue pre-event to be aware of emergency procedures and any security measures which have been put in place for the event. Event organiser to communicate details with onsite team and notify if any changes occur. Event organiser to follow venue emergency procedures at all times and take action to ensure safety of all visitors and exhibitors, lock down or evacuate if needed. Event organiser to document all details where possible on an occurrence register. Staff, event ambassadors and exhibitors to be provided with a copy of the venues emergency procedures/Evacuation procedures. UCAS event organiser to alert UCAS Incident management team	2	3	6

Non-conventional stand equipment or activity	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event	2	4	8	 Staff, event ambassadors, exhibitors and visitors asked to remain vigilant at all times and report anything suspicious to the organiser's office or venue security. If bomb threat, venue and UCAS to follow venue's emergency procedures General exhibitor risk assessment provided during booking, any equipment or activity not covered by this general document is considered a 'non-conventional stand' Separate "additional" risk assessment to be submitted – any that do not comply with health and safety regulations may be rejected 	2	3	6
Standard Shell Scheme	ambassadors Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, student helpers	2	3	6	Shell Scheme to be built and dismantled by trained Formula Exhibitions staff only and signed off by appointed trained Formula Exhibitions employee Separate risk assessment and method statement – Completed and sent to venue by Formula prior to event.	2	2	4
Stand Electrics	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event ambassadors	2	4	8	Stand & AV electrics to be installed and uninstalled by trained Havills staff only Separate risk assessment and method statement — Completed and sent to venue by Formula/Havills prior to event.	2	2	4
Complex structures	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event ambassadors	2	3	6	All Complex Structures to be put through approvals staging. All plans must be submitted to UCAS then to venue for approval before building can be approved – external sign off to be enforced if required by structural engineer or appropriate professional.	2	2	4

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HAZARDS				Risk				Risk
Onsite registration congestion	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event ambassadors	3	3	9	Onsite registration may cause congestion. Those that arrive with no ticket can register onsite in the allocated registration area. Area to be monitored by UCAS staff assigned to registration area. Queues to be managed with temporary barriers which can be easily removed in the event of a first aid incident or fire evacuation.	2	2	4

Venue/Exhibitor Specific Risks at NEC Birmingham									
ACTIVITY & SIGNIFICANT	PEOPLE AT RISK	Likelihoo d	Impact	Initial	RISK CONTROL MEASURES	Likelihoo d	Impact	Residual	
HAZARDS				Risk				Risk	
Intelligence of security threat prior to the event	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event ambassadors	2	4	8	 The following points will be actioned in a security alert: Review of the security and stewarding costing if intelligence of a threat is shared. Extra security may be employed if possible; if not a member of the security team will be moved to the main entrance to monitor all entry to the vicinity Provision for SIA trained security to be implementing bag searches Point of contact with the venue event manager for further information. Local police service to liaise directly with venue and in the event of a threat, the police's recommendations would be followed 	2	3	6	

					 A direct means of communication will be established with the head of security and venue to the organiser by radio for regular updates. Information of situation will remain between only necessary members of staff to reduce panic Event stopped if the threat is at a critical point 			
UCAS Dome (Assemble stationary & disassemble)	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event ambassadors	2	4	8	Structure to be assembled, disassembled & signed off by trained staff only • Separate risk assessment and method statement – completed and sent to venue by organiser	2	2	4
Inflatable pods (Assemble stationary & disassemble) and Seminar rooms	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event ambassadors	2	3	6	 Maximum distance to any emergency exit in the inflatable seminar rooms must not exceed 12 metres. All emergency exits are to have illuminated emergency exit signs above the door. All cables must be securely fastened away to avoid trip hazards. Loud speaker stands must not protrude into gangways Noise levels must be kept at a reasonable level. Seating runs must be clipped together, or benches used (refer to seminar seating guide) Inflatable pods – Structures to be assembled, disassembled and signed off by trained staff only Separate risk assessment and method statement – completed and sent to venue by organiser 	2	2	4
Wireless Headphones	Visitors, organiser staff, event ambassadors	2	2	4	 Visitors to be briefed on the use of "silent seminar" headphones and how to control volume Headphones tested and charged before each event season and monitored for the duration. 	1	2	2

LED Wall (Assemble stationary & disassemble)	Exhibitors, contractors, visitors, venue staff, organiser staff, event ambassadors	2	4	8	 LED wall – to be constructed and rigged. Structure to be assembled, disassembled and signed off by trained staff only. Separate risk assessment and method statement. 	4
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KEY TO RISKS: Likelihood x Impact = Initial Risk; and Risk Control Measures = Residual Risk

<u>Likelihood</u> <u>Impact</u>

Level	Descriptor	Guidance	Level	Descriptor	Guidance
1	Remote	Less than 10% chance	1	Minor	Minor injury or medical issue; little threat to safety; personal inconvenience.
2	Possible	10-50% chance	2	Moderate	Injury or medical issue requiring local support; feeling unsafe; personally disruptive.
3	Likely	Greater than 50% chance	3	Significant	Injury requiring hospitalisation; loss/theft of possessions; safety threatened.
4	Almost certain	Greater than 90% chance	4	Severe	Trauma, life-threatening injury or loss of life.

Security marking: PUBLIC



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