Risborough & District Model Railway Club

Founded 1971 President – Tim Peacock
Registered Charity No. 1173659
Clubroom - Princes Risborough Community Centre

www.rdmrc.org.uk / www.railex.org.uk

Affiliated to The Model Railway Club
Member of the Chiltern Model Railway Association

Risk Assessment

Manual Handling – Exhibition Barriers

Shifting exhibition barriers has the potential to cause injury due to the weight and size of the barriers which are made of steel. At Railex we have something like 1.25 tonnes of barriers which have to be loaded/unloaded from the van and then distributed around the halls. Stewards should only lift the number of barriers that they feel comfortable with and no more than two 6' barriers at a time. Stewards must take time to look around them before moving the barriers to make sure nobody will get hit by a barrier.

Barrier feet are not so heavy but require the stewards to bend down. Care should be taken to lift correctly with a straight back. Trolleys should be used where possible but they should not be overloaded.

When loading and unloading the van, safety shoes and non-slip gloves should be worn. The van should be parked on a flat area to help prevent the barriers from falling.

Barriers should only be stacked against a solid support (e.g. a wall) and angled to ensure they do not fall over.

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Paul Wright

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