

Risk assessments and personal injury claims:

A “blueprint for action”

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The recent case of a viola player recovering damages for damage to their hearing *Goldscheider v The Royal Opera House Covent Garden Foundation [2018] EWHC 687 (QB)* underlines the need for all personal injury litigators to be aware of the importance of risk assessments.

This webinar looks at:

- The law relating to risk assessments
- Risk assessments after the ERA
- Cases where the risk assessment has been vital to the result
- The employer’s duties
- The inadequate risk assessment
- Risk assessments and occupiers’ liability (*Powell -v- Watford Borough Council [2017] EWHC 2283*)

It will provide guidance and details in relation to where and when risk assessments should be carried out and as to how practitioners can assess whether the assessments were adequate.

Extensive notes will be provided, with useful and practical links to guides and official publications in relation to risk assessments in key areas

Technical requirements

You will need access to the internet on your PC, plus audio speakers. If you do not have access to speakers you will be able to receive audio via a phone line. Further information on how to log on to the webinar will be sent via email a week before the event.



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