

### What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Back and muscle strain from manual handling



Pinching injuries when assembling/disassembling



Trip injuries from guy ropes or obstructions



Fire



Impact injuries as a result of adverse weather conditions or incorrect assembled gazebo/tent

### What PPE should the individual wear?



Consider the use of protective gloves when appropriate

### What other precautions should be taken?



Depending on the intended use FFE and a First Aid kit may be required

## Gazebos and tents

Safety Task Card  
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Unit Managers – use page overleaf to list any hazards and control measures specific to your site which are not listed below

### Safe System of Work

1. Follow the manufacturer's instructions where these are available.
2. Consider the location of the gazebo or tent, ensuring that is located away from sources of heat, such as generators, and overhead power cables, and that the ground is flat.
3. Ensure the gazebo or tent is suitable for the purpose and that it is fire retardant to BS 7837:1996 or equivalent.
4. Consider the current and forecast weather conditions before erecting a gazebo or tent. They should not be erected during heavy rain or snow, strong winds, hail or thunderstorms.
5. Gazebos and tents, including pop-ups, should be set up and broken down by a team of at least two.
6. Keep hands and fingers away from moving parts to prevent pinch or entrapment injuries.
7. Legs must be anchored, e.g. with guy ropes and tent pegs or weighted down, e.g. with sandbags. Ensure guy ropes are clearly visible to prevent trips.
8. Ensure the roof is pulled taught, so that there is no build-up of rainwater, snow, leaves etc.
9. Ensure that there is an easily accessible escape route from the gazebo or tent, that is free of obstructions and trip hazards.
10. Where electric or gas equipment is to be used in the gazebo or tent firefighting equipment must be provided.
11. Where appropriate a first aid kit should be provided.
12. The gazebo or tent must be clean and dry before it is put away to prevent mould growth.

**If you have any concerns, stop and speak with your line manager before proceeding.**

