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LINKS

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www.dfes.gov.uk/ukonlinecentres Find Internet access that's close to you.

Look at the weblinks in other chapters, particularly those focusing on your chosen instrument.

www.hse.gov.uk
Health & Safety Executive (HSE) website, the primary source of good quality Health and Safety information

www.musiciansunion.org.uk
The Musicians' Union (MU) website also has a number of leaflets available on Health and Safety issues, free to members.

www.fim-health.org
The International Federation of Musicians - health information with links to many health related sites.

www.businesslink.gov.uk
Government organisation set up to help people starting up in business. Health and Safety section on the website.

www.parkerguitars.com
Guitar manufacturer specialising in lightweight guitars

www.alexandertechnique.com
The Alexander technique is taught at many performing arts, drama and dance centres and is a way of training your body to release unnecessary tension. It can help with conditions such as RSI and stiffness in your body or back.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Health and Safety Executive publications
tel : 01787 881 165
www.hse.gov.uk

Most books on DJing, performing and recording and production have information about health and safety issues.

MORE TASKS

1 Safety checklist

Because you're likely to be working in lots of different places, it's a good idea to have a safety checklist to take with you. Use the following check list as an example and prepare one for a local venue / forthcoming gig.

Who is the person responsible for safety?

Are there any special risks you should know about?

Where are the fire exits?

Where do you go in an emergency? (assembly points)

Where are the fire alarm call points? (break-glass)

What does the fire alarm sound like?

Where are the fire extinguishers?

Where is the emergency power off switch?

Who is responsible for first aid and where is the first aid kit kept?

Are the electrics safe?

What are the rules about noise levels?

Who is responsible for security?

Where do you report any faults or accidents?

2 Find out more about the Alexander technique and where your local classes are.

3 Investigate standard health and safety procedures for crowd control at a small, local venue and a large national venue. What procedures do they have for ensuring:

Only the maximum number of public permitted under regulations are admitted.

Against risks of crowd surges, crowd management and security issues

Premises can be cleared quickly and safely in the event of an emergency

4 Look at entertainment licensing laws and the way that licenses are applied for and granted – what do they provide for in terms of

What electrical safety provisions a venue must put into place if it holds live music events

How many musicians are able to play / restrictions on different types of public performances

The costs and procedures involved in applying for one-off licences and permanent licences for a venue

5 Find reviews for the following items of music equipment – what are recommended as the best buys?

DJ mixer

Virtual Studio software

Beginner electric guitar package (guitar, case, practice amp)

Vocal performance microphone