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Frequently Asked Questions for Fire Shows

Is it real fire?

Yes. And there is an element of risk to it, as with many exciting activities in life. I have performed with fire for over a decade and my safely record is excellent. I have spoken with the Fire Brigade on how to use fire in a safe way and they are happy with the safety measures I take. I have Public Liability Insurance up to £2 million and always perform a risk assessment before setting up for a show.

What happens when it rains?

I always check the weather a few days before the show to see if its going to cause any issues with my performance. If it looks like its going to be bad, drizzly or undecided then I charge my glow equipment and take this just in case I need to perform inside. In cases where the weather looks like it will be raining hard I will contact the client to check if there is a suitable indoor space for the performance, if not already discussed.

I can perform in low levels of rain or drizzle as long as the audience is covered by umbrellas or by standing under a porch or similar structure. I don't mind getting wet and the fire equipment can withstand this, but I wouldn't want to ask the audience!

How much space do you need to perform?

For my Fire Show (without pyrotechnics) I need a space 6 meters x 4 meters with at least 4 meters of head clearance free from any over hanging trees or cables. For a Fire Show with pyrotechnics I need 12 meters x 6 meters with at least 6 meters of head clearance free from any over hanging trees or cables.

What are pyrotechnics? And what is this pyrotechnic finale?

Pyrotechnics are similar to fireworks but are used on stage to create different effects. I have an optional pyrotechnic finale as not all venue have enough space to fire these safely. To see me using pyrotechnics in my [fire promo video](#) skip to 20secs. I'm a member of The Association of Stage Pyrotechnicians, a prerequisite for the safe use of pyrotechnics. For a Fire Show with pyrotechnics I need 12 meters x 6 meters with at least 6 meters of head clearance free from any over hanging trees or cables.

Can Fire Shows happen inside?

Yes, however there needs to be the permission of the venue and a suitable performance area inside. This area should be 6 meters x 4 meters with at least 4 meters of head clearance and carpeted. I can provide the carpet for this area and will need time before the performance to stick it down. I use 'party carpet' which is already sprayed with fire check, a flame retardant. I will need to speak to the venue manager to ensure that the show goes smoothly and that all parties are happy.

The venue will need to isolate the smoke alarms inside the area in case the smoke from my props sets them off. I am happy to discuss any concerns with the venue manager. I have had a run through of my show watched by the head of the London Fire Brigade, who was very happy with all my safety measures. I am happy to do this again with members from any Fire Brigade.

Do you bring your own PA? (Public Address system)

I have my own PA which is suitable for audience of up to 100 people. If the audience is larger than this please let me know so that a more suitable PA can be located.