# **Covid-19 Risk Assessment**

For photography at Ruby Light Portraits during Covid-19 Pandemic

#### **Activity / Process / Operation:**

Taking photographs of individuals and groups in the studio during COVID-19 pandemic, in light of the increased risk to persons visiting the studio.

Hair & MakeUp being applied to clients for some photoshoots

#### **Identify the hazards (anything that can cause harm):**

1. Person to person contact

2. Person to object/material contact (e.g. touching door handles, computers, chairs, cups etc)

3. Close contact working

#### **Who might be harmed and how?**

1. Member of public/client could be at an increased risk of contracting COVID-19, putting them at risk of serious illness.

#### **Estimate Risk Level (H/M/L) now**

M

**What measures are in place to reduce the risk?**

1. Photographer has referred closely to government guidance including but not exhaustively:

– Staying COVID-19 secure

– Staying alert and safe – social distancing

- Working safely during Coronavirus (close contact services)

2. Photographer to maintain high levels of hygiene in the studio. This includes daily cleaning of areas that are receiving high traffic usage/ contact.

– Wiping down of door handles

– Wiping down chairs and surfaces used by clients

– Photographer to wash hand frequently following government guidelines

– No handshaking on entry to the studio

– Providing handwashing facilities for clients with adequate soap and warm water

– Hand sanitiser provided for use by client

– Tissues available in the studio

3. Photographer & HMUA to maintain high levels of personal hygiene, including handwashing, at all times and to be alert of possible hygiene issues.

4. Ensure maximum number of persons in the studio at one time. One photographer/ one client or more than one client only if social distancing can be maintained and/or the clients are from the same family group.

5. Photographer and client to maintain social distancing in line with government guidance. Photographer to achieve this by stepping back when the client enters the studio and directing them to position. Photographer and client to be alert to social distancing guidance and take personal responsibility for maintaining their own distance.

6. Client to maintain personal responsibility for their own hygiene practices inline with government ‘stay alert’ guidance:

– Washing hands/using hand sanitiser on entry to the building (handwashing facilities are available)

– Avoiding touching their face

– Washing hands on leaving the studio/ as soon as practicably possible afterwards

7. Client to wear a mask where possible throughout the session

7. Photographer to ensure a clear pathway from the door to the shooting area to ensure that client can move freely without making unnecessary or excessive contact with furniture/ objects in the room.

8. Photographer to wear N95 mask throughout session.

8. HMUA to wear PPE during provision of makeover and maintain regular hand hygiene.

9. HMUA to ensure their kit is fully cleaned and sanitised between each client

#### **Estimate Risk Level (H/M/L) now**

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#### **What further action is needed to reduce the risk? (State actions)**

Please note that although the photographer has put in place safeguards to minimise the risk of a client contracting COVID-19, it is not possible to eradicate the risk completely. Therefore, the client takes responsibility for their own personal health and safety and must make a personal risk assessment in order to identify whether they deem the residual risk to be too high.

In this risk assessment, the client should take in to account their own individual vulnerabilities, including whether they are within one of the ‘at risk’ categories as identified in government guidance.

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