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1. Stage

We can manage without a stage, but you'll get a much better performance if your venue has one, simply because your audience will be able to see us, and almost as importantly, we'll be able to see you. It's also a lot safer to have all the equipment on the stage where it's safely out of harm's way.

We recommended a minimum stage size is 6m (width) x 4m (depth) and between 30 - 50 cm high.

You should leave a gap of around 1m between the front of the stage and the edge of the dance floor. This will top your guests toppling onto the stage and hurting themselves, and also allow room for our speakers and lights, some of which need to go on the floor in front of the stage. If space allows a gaps of 1m on each side of the stage, and around half a metre behind the stage is advisable.



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2. Electrical Power

You need to provide safe mains electricity on the stage. We can happily run off domestic type square pin plugs if your event is in a permanent structure. We need a minimum of two separate 13 amp (240 Volts) feeds for the exclusive use of the band.

If your event is in a marquee or similar, it's well worth asking an electrician to fit the power for you. Each feed should be wired directly to the main fuse board should be capable of delivering 13 amps and should properly earthed. Do not be tempted to run domestic grade extension leads to the nearest outbuilding as this almost certainly won't be adequate.

Each feed should be terminated with a good quality 4 way distribution board (13 amp domestic style square pin) and should be fused at 13 amps and fitted with MCB protection.

Total cable resistance should not exceed 0.5 Ohms for each feed. As a guide, if the thickness of each core of the cable is 2.5 mm, the maximum length of cable allowable is approximately 60 metres. If the thickness of each core of the cable is 1.5 mm, the maximum length of cable allowable is approximately 35 metres.

If in doubt please contact us or put us in touch with your electrician and we can talk amps and volts.

3. Lighting

We come equipped to light the stage and band. We've found that the best parties are those where the dance floor is kept reasonably dark – the darker the dance floor, the better, we think. If you can arrange to have the lights around the dance floor on a separate circuit so they can be switched off when the band is playing, you'll get a much better atmosphere.

In particular, we'd urge caution when thinking about twinkly 'star-cloth' lights in the ceiling as they really do throw out a lot of light.

We hope the information above is helpful, but please do get in touch if you have any questions whatsoever.