

Risk assessment form

Activity: Wheldrake Playpark

Assessment date: October 2024

Review date: October 2025

Severity:

1. Slight (minor injury, first aid required).
2. Moderate (minor injury, first aid/medical attention).
3. Serious (injury, medical attention, 7 day absence).
4. Major (serious injury/death).
5. Catastrophic (number of casualties/deaths).

		Severity				
		1	2	3	4	5
Probability	5	5	10	15	20	25
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	1	1	2	3	4	5

LOW (1-4): May be ignored
 MEDIUM (5-9): Control measures Required
 HIGH (10+): Design out if possible

Hazard and risk	People at risk	Our current controls	Our future controls	Risk level	Target date & by whom
Grass ground surfaces - Potholes in grass.	Employees / Volunteers Members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grass area inspected when cut. • Holes backfilled. • Grass areas included on regular inspections and results recorded. 		4	
Play equipment - Physical injury.	Members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment installed to current standards. • Recorded regular inspections by competent person. • Annual engineering inspections. • Repairs carried out as soon as possible by a competent person. • Hazardous equipment removed from use/fenced off/signs erected/taped off, etc. • Contact details displayed for members of the public to report defects. 		6	
Defective surfaces e.g. paths, safety surfaces, open grass - Slips, trips, falls.	Employees / Volunteers Members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recorded regular inspections for safety defects e.g. pot holes, glass etc. • Annual safety inspection by qualified company. • Repairs carried out according to the risk posed. • Warning signs erected. • Mossy areas cleared regularly. • Grass cuttings swept from walkways. • Lighting regularly checked and repaired. • Any unauthorised vehicular use monitored e.g. off road motor bikes etc. Police notified. 		6	
Bins - Cuts.	Employees / Volunteers Members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recorded regular inspections and repairs carried out according to risk posed. • Dangerous bins removed from use, including base to prevent trip hazard. • Bin constructed of toughened material. • Bins emptied regularly. 		4	

Fencing - Cuts.	Employees / Volunteers Members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorded regular inspections and repairs carried out according to risk posed. Fence removed if in dangerous condition and temporary one erected. Warning signage Notification to bordering fence owner of any required repairs or hazards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters sent to neighbouring service as owner of the fence noting design upside down. 	10	
Seating - Injury.	Employees / Volunteers Members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defective seating removed from use. Seating constructed of durable materials. Seating secured to ground to minimise vandalism. Recorded regular inspections and repairs carried out according to risk posed. 		4	
Litter, Glass & Dog fouling - Infection/ill health.	Employees / Volunteers Members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bins provided and emptied regularly. 'No Dogs' signs erected. Request local authority dog warden patrols area. Grass walked and fouling/litter removed prior to grass cutting. Contact details provided to report issues. 		8	
Gates - Entrapments.	Employees / Volunteers Members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorded regular inspections and repairs carried out according to risk posed. Self closing system? 		6	
Vegetation - Poisoning. - Cuts.	Employees / Volunteers Members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-hazardous plants in play areas. Hazardous vegetation removed and/or cut well back. 		3	
Trees - Collapse. - Structural damage.	Employees / Volunteers Members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees inspected on a regular basis, e.g. annually by arboriculturist, records of inspections kept. Annual programme of tree maintenance in place. Complaint system in place. Report trees to CYC and relevant owner. 		8	
Mowing and strimming Including operation of machinery	Contractor Volunteers Members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carried out by insured contractor with own risk assessments. Clerk keeps records of confirmation. Volunteers must have separate risk assessment 		4	

Assessor's signature:

Date:

Signed off by:

Date: