

ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL

<b>RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:</b>		<b>PLAYGROUND</b>
Establishment:	Assessment by: Tekla Hicks, Parish Clerk.	Date:
Review Due Date: Annual		

Hazard/Risk	Who is at Risk?	How can the hazards cause harm?	Normal Control Measures	Are Normal Control Measures. Y/N/N/A	
				In Place	Residual Risk
Playground equipment	Users	Cuts / abrasions, broken limbs, muscular skeletal and other physical injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular checks for defects and reporting of these</li> <li>Inspections of play and sports equipment.</li> <li>Annual maintenance assessment by ROSPA.</li> <li>Repair of damaged equipment.</li> </ul>	Y Y Y	L L L
Falling from climbing apparatus	Users	Cuts / abrasions, broken limbs, muscular skeletal and other physical injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signage to clarify Parish Council Rules of use.</li> <li>Rubber crumb matting used where falls anticipated.</li> <li>Ensure activities have appropriate railing if necessary.</li> </ul>	Y Y Y	L M M
Swings	Users and Spectators	Falls, impacts & collisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rubber crumb matting to minimise fall impacts.</li> <li>Bucket swing seat for toddler and baby swing.</li> </ul>	Y Y	M L
Rockers	Users	Falls, abrasions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good hand holds provided.</li> <li>Smooth seats to avoid abrasions.</li> </ul>	Y Y	L L
Litter, glass	Users	Minor injuries, cuts/abrasions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspection of the area and litter pick as required.</li> <li>Bin available.</li> </ul>	Y Y	L L
Used needles	Users	Needle stick injury, bloodborne viruses (HIV, Hep B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspection of the area and litter pick (identify measures for preventing needle stick injuries).</li> </ul>	Y	L

Dog Faeces	Users	Infection, Toxicariasis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide signage at entrance points to explain dogs are prohibited.</li> </ul>	Y	L
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide suitable fencing to ensure unsupervised dogs do not enter Playpark.</li> </ul>	Y	L
Trees, poisonous or thorny plants	Users	Minor injury, abrasion, allergic reaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual cutting of hedges.</li> </ul>	Y	L
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify any plants identified as being an irritant or a danger.</li> </ul>	Y	L
Hard surfaces/ slip trips and falls	Users	Broken limbs, muscular, skeletal and other physical injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that the play areas are even and maintained.</li> </ul>	Y	L
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area periodically checked for missing drain covers, uneven surfaces, etc.</li> </ul>	Y	L
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any areas which become unsuitable will need to be coned off and placed out of bounds until repairs can be undertaken.</li> </ul>	Y	L
Escaping children	Young children	Lost, collision with cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide suitable fencing and gates which cannot be opened by young children.</li> </ul>	Y	L

DATE OF REVIEW:	COMMENTS:

RESIDUAL RISK RATING	ACTION REQUIRED
<b>VERY HIGH (VH) Strong likelihood of fatality / serious injury occurring</b>	<b>The activity must not take place at all.</b> You must identify further controls to reduce the risk rating.
<b>HIGH (H) Possibility of fatality/serious injury occurring</b>	You must identify further controls to reduce the risk rating. Seek further advice, e.g. from SHDC
<b>MEDIUM (M) Possibility of significant injury</b>	If it is not possible to lower risk further, you will need to consider the risk against the benefit. Monitor risk assessments at this rating more regularly and closely.
<b>LOW (L) Possibility of minor injury only</b>	No further action required.