

STICKNEY PARISH COUNCIL

RISK ASSESSMENT – PLAY AREA

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<u>General</u>	<u>Risk</u>	<u>Method used to minimise risk</u>	<u>Risk element: 1 (low) – 5 (high)</u>
<p>All equipment to latest British Standards.</p> <p>Inspect weekly and report any damage or repairs required to next Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>Annual independent inspection to be carried out around October each year.</p> <p>ANYTHING URGENT TO BE REPORTED TO THE CLERK TO ARRANGE REPAIRS FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH CHAIRMAN</p>	a) Fencing and gates could be climbed over making a falling hazard. Gates are a trapping hazard. Hedges, hawthorn and conifer, could be a scratching hazard.	Fencing high and should not be climbed, small mesh to prevent footholds. Gates left unlocked preventing climbing. Neighbouring properties should keep the hedges cut back from the fencing.	3
	b) 2 x metal seats could be a falling hazard for small children.	Check for any damage on weekly inspections.	1
	c) Toddler swings could cause bumps to children running around the play area	Seats are rubber to prevent severe bumps. Checked weekly for damage to equipment.	4
	d) Roundabout could have trapping hazard for feet and legs.	Height of platform meets required standard.	3
	e) Witches hat has falling and trapping hazard	Safety surfacing is installed to prevent severe harm when falling.	4
	f) See-saw could be falling hazard	Meets British Standards for it height as does the safety surfacing.	2
	g) Junior swings could cause bumps to children running around the play area	Seats are rubber to prevent severe bumps. Checked weekly for damage to equipment.	4
	h) Steppers and balancing beam have falling and tripping hazard and wooden beams could cause splinters	Check for any damage to beams and report at next Parish Council meeting. Keep steppers clean to avoid possible slips causing falls. Low level in height.	3
	i) 2 x Springers could be a fall hazard.	Safety surfacing is installed to prevent severe harm when falling.	2
	j) Wooden fixed Train could have tripping and falling hazard	Keep surfaces clean. Safety surfacing meets British Standards	1
	k) Multi use item has falling and slipping hazards.	Keep all climbing surfaces clean and free of mud. All safety surfacing meets British Standards for the height of the equipment.	3

	l) The footway edges could cause tripping	The grass to be kept in good order so the footpath edges can be clearly seen.	1
	m) Safety surfacing could cause tripping and slipping hazard.	Weekly checks made. Shrinkage and splits in surfacing to be reported to the Council for repair. Keep clear of stone and needles from the overhanging tree.	2
	n) Paving up to small gate can spread and cause tripping hazard	Check weekly and report any movement to Parish Council.	1