

**STICKNEY PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT – PLAY AREA**

<b><u>General</u></b>	<b><u>Risk</u></b>	<b><u>Method used to minimise risk</u></b>	<b><u>Risk element: 1 (low) – 5 (high)</u></b>
<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><b>ANYTHING URGENT TO BE REPORTED TO THE CLERK TO ARRANGE REPAIRS FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH CHAIRMAN</b></p>	<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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	3
	<p>b) 2 x metal seats could be a falling hazard for small children.</p>	<p>Check for any damage on weekly inspections.</p>	1
	<p>c) Toddler swings could cause bumps to children running around the play area</p>	<p>Seats are rubber to prevent severe bumps. Checked weekly for damage to equipment.</p>	4
	<p>d) Roundabout could have trapping hazard for feet and legs.</p>	<p>Height of platform meets required standard.</p>	3
	<p>e) Witches hat has falling and trapping hazard</p>	<p>Safety surfacing is installed to prevent severe harm when falling.</p>	4
	<p>f) See-saw could be falling hazard</p>	<p>Meets British Standards for it height as does the safety surfacing.</p>	2
	<p>g) Junior swings could cause bumps to children running around the play area</p>	<p>Seats are rubber to prevent severe bumps. Checked weekly for damage to equipment.</p>	4
	<p>h) Steppers and balancing beam have falling and tripping hazard and wooden beams could cause splinters</p>	<p>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.</p>	3
	<p>i) 2 x Springers could be a fall hazard.</p>	<p>Safety surfacing is installed to prevent severe harm when falling.</p>	2
	<p>j) Wooden fixed Train could have tripping and falling hazard</p>	<p>Keep surfaces clean. Safety surfacing meets British Standards</p>	1
	<p>k) Multi use item has falling and slipping hazards.</p>	<p>Keep all climbing surfaces clean and free of mud. All safety surfacing meets British Standards for the height of the equipment.</p>	3

	<p>l) The footway edges could cause tripping</p> <p>m) Safety surfacing could cause tripping and slipping hazard.</p> <p>n) Paving up to small gate can spread and cause tripping hazard</p>	<p>The grass to be kept in good order so the footpath edges can be clearly seen.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Check weekly and report any movement to Parish Council.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p>
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