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| **Risk Assessment**  **(OSM)** | **Use of Playgrounds** | **Date of risk assessment** | **10th September 2024** | **Name of person doing this risk assessment** | **Iain Roy** |
| **Category**  **(OSM)** | **Activities** | **Date of next review** | **9th September 2026** |

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| **What hazard have you identified?**  **What are the risks from it?** | **Who is at risk?** | **How are the risks already controlled?**  **What extra controls are needed?** | **What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?** |
| Leaders not qualified to run activity leading to injury | Young people  Leaders | * Designated Leader In Charge. * Planning and Preparation materials shared between all leaders. * Clear roles and responsibilities during the activity. * Risk Assessment Shared. |  |
| Young people not aware of safety rules leading to injury | Young people  Leaders | * Clear briefing before activity by Leader In Charge to include instructions about not touching anything on the floor e.g. litter |  |
| Overexcitement and not following rules or instructions leading to injury | Young people  Leaders | * Section code of conduct in place to set clear expectations of behaviour. * Explain the activity clearly using age-appropriate language. * Monitor the mood level throughout the activity. * Use a clear communication to stop the activity – everyone should stop as soon as they hear two blasts on the whistle or anyone shouting stop. * Have a clear location for those not participating in the activity. |  |
| Lost or abducted youg person | Young people | * Head count at start of activity and at regular intervals and at end of activity * Adults to be vigilant during activity |  |
| Risk of injury from use of playground | Young people  Leaders | * Adult to check out park immediately prior to young people’s arrival and ensure it is safe * Clean up if necessary, contact the local authority if necessary * Abandon trip or relocate if unable to make safe * All equipment checked before the children use it. Faulty equipment reported to the local authority * First aid if required. |  |
| Risk of injury from slips, trips and falls | Young people  Leaders | * Check the area for trip/slip hazards, dangerous debris etc. before and after the activity * Ensure shoes and clothes are appropriate for the weather and for working outdoors * Assess the weather risk before and during the session. * First aid if required. |  |
| Risk of injury from animals | Young people  Leaders | * Wear appropriate clothing. * Beware of loose dogs. * Avoid contact with animals. * Avoid contact with animal faeces. |  |
| Risk of sunburn / sunstroke / dehydration | Young people  Leaders | * Ensure that all young people are wearing sun cream and have hats if the weather is hot * Check park for shaded areas * Ensure that young people have access to water on a regular basis * Check weather forecasts * Take raincoats and boots if required * Abandon trip if adverse weather continues or if there is a thunderstorm |  |
| Risk of insect bites and stings | Young people  Leaders | * Identify anyone with allergies and plan work accordingly * Identify areas/vegetation which might harbour biting insects and work with caution * In very warm dry summers, participants need to be especially made aware of horse flies and their potential dangers; bites can become infected and can even cause sepsis * Check body for ticks after working in high-risk areas, bracken/long grass * First aid if required. |  |
| Other unforeseen hazards | Young people  Leaders | * Dynamic risk assessment to be performed by all leaders in line with TSA guidelines. * Hazards to be shared with other leaders and appropriate mitigation to be actioned. |  |