



Risk Assessment

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Area highlighted	Risk identified/ to whom	Risk level High Medium Low	Action taken to remove/reduce risk	Date added
Living Area				
Low level electrical sockets	Electrocution	High	13A electrical socket inserts should not be used in health or social care premises, nor supplied for use in a home or residence http://www.careinspectorate.com/images/documents/News/EFA_2016_002_Final.pdf Electrical appliances that get hot are unplugged as soon as I have finished using them Safety checks on all of the electrical appliances Plug sockets not overloaded Nothing left plugged in overnight	14/12/2020

			Unused electrical appliances kept out of reach of children	
Extension leads and plugs	Electrocution and fire	High	Never overload sockets/leads	14/12/2020
Low level glass	Cuts	High	All low level glass is safety/toughened glass Or Low level glass is protected by safety film	14/12/2020
Cords on curtains/blinds	Strangulation	High	Cords to be hooked up out of children's reach	14/12/2020
Trailing cables	Trips and falls Strangulation	Medium	All wiring is concealed behind furniture. The modem on the corridor is kept as close to the wall as possible with the cables tied up together. The CD player cable is kept behind the table. Children are supervised when using the CD player.	14/12/2020
Plants	Poisoning	Medium	All plants kept out of children's reach if poisonous.	14/12/2020
Flooring	Trips/falls/Splinters	Medium	All flooring is sound. Rugs do not have uneven edges. Children discouraged from running indoors. Wooden floor checked regularly for any splinters, rough areas.	14/12/2020
Radiators	Burns	High	All radiators situated where children walk through are set at a safe temperature (19-21°)	14/12/2020
Furniture	Cuts/ bumps	Medium	Covered with corner protectors/fixed to wall/ furniture place out of normal walkways	14/12/2020
Furniture cupboard contents	Cuts/poisoning	High	Cupboards within children's reach containing hazardous items are locked	14/12/2020
Bookcase	Injured child from falling books	Medium	Fixed to wall/children's books are all stored at bottom of bookcase/children discouraged from climbing shelves	14/12/2020
Pictures	Cuts	Medium	Pictures with glass frames are all secured to the wall above children's reach	14/12/2020

Mirror in dressing up area	Cuts	Medium	Glass covered with safety film	14/12/2020
Windows	Escape/falls	High	All windows large enough for a child to get through are closed/locked during childminding hours	14/12/2020
Nappy changing/ changing mats	Illness	Medium	Changing mats are cleaned with anti-bacterial cleaner after each use/ Nappies are wrapped in nappy sacks before disposing of immediately and hands washed.	14/12/2020
Large play equipment: climbing wall, wheelbarrow, tyres	Falls/injury	Medium	Play equipment secured as manufacturer's instructions. Close supervision given to pre-school children using large equipment. Discussion with older children about safe play Check the wall support structure for the climbing wall Inspect wall holds and replace any loose or damaged ones Check the wall for any protruding holds that could cut or harm climbers Check floor padding to ensure it is adequate and no gaps have formed No furniture or objects near the climbing wall (1-1.5 m)	14/12/2020
Kitchen/Dining Area				
Low level glass	Cuts	High	All low level glass is safety/toughened glass Or Low level glass is protected by safety film	14/12/2020

Low level electrical sockets	Electrocution	High	As above	14/12/2020
Knives/scissors/sharp objects	Cuts	High	Drawer locks on knife drawer	14/12/2020
Kettle/electrical equipment	Scalds	High	Kettle placed at back of work surface and cord out of reach of children	14/12/2020
Cleaning products	Poisoning	High	Cupboards housing cleaning products fitted with child locks	14/12/2020
Cooker	Burns and scalds	High	Only back rings of hob used during childminding hours Close supervision while oven is on	14/12/2020
Washing machine	Suffocation	High	Door to hallway preventing access to the washing machine Door kept closed while childminding	14/12/2020
Dishwasher	Cuts from knives	Medium	Sharp knives placed point down in dishwasher Children are never allowed to play with items in dishwasher Close supervision when putting in or taking out sharp knives	14/12/2020
Fire	Burns, suffocation	High	Fire blanket on wall in the kitchen	14/12/2020
Fridge	Food poisoning - illness	Medium	Fridge kept at 4-5°. Raw meat stored below cooked meat	14/12/2020
Food preparation areas	Illness	Medium	All areas cleaned daily with anti-bacterial spray	14/12/2020
Food preparation equipment	Illness	Medium	All equipment kept in clean condition Separate chopping boards for raw and cooked meats	14/12/2020

Waste bins	Illness/cuts	Medium	Bin is emptied and cleaned daily and has a secure lid Lid is kept closed at all times	14/12/2020
Dishcloths/tea towels	Illness	Medium	Tea towels changed daily, dishcloths washed, bleached regularly	14/12/2020
Hot drinks	Scalds	High	Hot drinks are always placed out of reach of children	14/12/2020
Tablecloths	Items falling on children if cloth is pulled	Medium	Tablecloth only used when children sitting at table to eat or doing a craft	14/12/2020
Table	Cuts/bumps	Medium	Corner protectors used/ table is sited out of normal walkway	14/12/2020
Alcohol	Poisoning	High	Alcohol is stored out of children's reach Alcohol is stored in a locked cupboard	14/12/2020
Sleeping area				
Windows	Falling out	High	All windows closed when children sleeping Windows are fitted with restrictors	14/12/2020
Bedding	Illness/suffocation	High	Separate appropriate bed linen provided for each child No pillows provided for babies less than 1 year No blankets and any objects in the infant's cot All bedding washed regularly	14/12/2020
Toys/games	Choking/electric shock	High	Children sleep in travel cot/cot that they cannot climb out of. Monitor used while children sleeping.	14/12/2020

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Toiletries/sharp items	Cuts/poisoning/allergies	High	All dangerous/sharp items stored out of reach	14/12/2020
Bathroom				
Water	Scalds	Medium	Water always checked for temperature for pre-school children.	14/12/2020
Cleaning products	Poisoning/allergies	High	All cleaning products stored out of reach of children	14/12/2020
Potties/steps/child seats	Illness/falls	Medium	All cleaned regularly with anti-bacterial cleaner Children supervised when using the steps/child seats	14/12/2020
Flannels/towels	Illness	Medium	All children to use paper towels	14/12/2020
Sink top corners	Cuts	High	Corner protectors fixed Children supervised when walking in the bathroom Changing area in the shower space, delimited by walls Bar to hold on for children who stand while being changed	14/12/2020 20/01/2020

Radiators	Burns	High	All radiators situated where children walk through are set at a safe temperature (19-21°)	14/12/2020
Hallway				
Front door	Children escaping/ unauthorised people entering	High	Door kept locked while childminding and key kept close by	14/12/2020
Stairs	Falls	High	Door to hallway kept locked during childminding hours/when children are on site	14/12/2020
Flooring	Trips/falls	High	All flooring is sound. Rugs do not have uneven edges.	14/12/2020
Incense sticks and candles	Allergic reaction/ burns/poisoning	High	All incense and candles placed out of reach.	14/12/2020
Low level glass	Cuts	High	All low level glass is safety/toughened glass Or Low level glass is protected by safety film	14/12/2020

Outdoor area				
Fences/gates	Children escaping/ unauthorised people entering	High	Garden is totally enclosed.	14/12/2020
Paving	Trips/falls	Medium	All paving is secure. Close supervision of pre-school children. Children discouraged from running on wet paving	14/12/2020
Tools/chemicals	Cuts/burns/ poisoning	High	All tools and chemicals are stored in locked cupboard.	14/12/2020
Rubbish/recycling bins	Illness/cuts	Medium	All bins are cleaned regularly, and the lids kept on Broken glass to be disposed of by wrapping it in newspaper/cardboard box first. Separate bin for children to use.	14/12/2020
Plants	Poisoning/ scratches	Medium	No prickly plants are in the areas where children play. No poisonous plants in garden. Children closely supervised when playing outside and taught to never pick anything to eat without permission	14/12/2020
Animal faeces	Illness/blindness	High	Garden is checked daily before children go out and any faeces removed, and the area disinfected	14/12/2020
Tyres	Cuts/Burns/Children climbing the fence/Insect bites	Medium	Tyres checked: With a pair of safety gloves on, run your hands over the inside and outside surfaces to check there are no protruding wires or sharp hazards before offering children access.	11/01/2020

			<p>Tyres washed with the hose to remove dirt and grime build up then laid out in the sun to dry well.</p> <p>Tyres to be painted with a glossy primer undercoat on the outside to cut down on the amount of black rubbing off on clothes.</p> <p>To paint the inside of tyres with a white paint in order to discourage spiders taking up residence – it also allows you to see them easier.</p> <p>If using tyres for gardens or sand play it is a good idea to first line the inside with a little hessian or fabric weed mat material that can be cut to size and will allow for water drainage.</p> <p>Consider the weather – if playing outdoors on a very hot day, tyre surfaces can become too hot to touch and may be unsafe for children to play with that day.</p> <p>Ensuring that tyres are not stacked too close to fences and gates providing footholds and safety hazards for children to gain access to outside care areas.</p>	
Hose	Trips/falls/choking	Medium	<p>Hose tap is kept closed.</p> <p>Hose is checked regularly for leaks.</p> <p>Hose is kept tidy and out of the way where children walk.</p>	14/12/2020

Experiences				
Crafts / Practical Life Materials	Allergies/cuts/ Choking/poisoning	Medium	Resources are checked before. Only using eggboxes with the 'lion sign' used when doing crafts. Crafts are always carried out while children are seated at table. Pre-school children are only given child's scissors. Products that children are allergic to are not used. Children are supervised closely when using small items Small items are only used when crawling babies are not present. Younger children to sit in child chair with chosen products. No red kidney beans are used, as they can cause poisoning.	14/12/2020
Cooking/baking	Cuts/burns/scalds/ allergies/illness/ choking	High	Children to wash hands before cooking activity. All cooking and baking are carried out while children are sitting at table. Pre-school children not to touch oven but may look at items cooking under supervision. Knives are used only under close supervision. Ingredients that children are allergic to are not used.	14/12/2020

			Care taken to prevent children eating raw mixture containing eggs. Small items only used when crawling babies are not present. Younger children to sit in child chair with limited ingredients.	
Gardening	Trips/cuts/ poisoning/ drowning/tetanus	Medium	All chemicals locked out of children's reach. Child sized tools available. Children encouraged to not pick and eat anything without permission. Gardening debris to be cleared immediately after e.g. weeding. Close supervision when using water to water plants. Check with parents that children have received tetanus vaccination.	14/12/2020
Water play	Drowning	High	Close supervision while children using water. Children are never left unattended.	14/12/2020
Sand play	Injury to eyes/ choking/Infection and disease/ blindness from animal faeces	High	Close supervision while children playing with sand Children discouraged from throwing sand. Sand is covered when not in use to prevent animal deposits.	14/12/2020

Outings				
General safety on all outings	Accident, comfort, sunburn	Medium	<p>Mobile phone is kept charged and has parent contact and emergency back up's numbers stored.</p> <p>First aid kit is carried on all outings.</p> <p>Suitable and sufficient clothing/sun cream/hand sanitising gel/tissues is always taken</p> <p>Children's water bottles are always taken.</p> <p>Snacks are taken.</p> <p>Buggy is checked before each day, before placing children in it and when taking children of it. The brake is always on when children are near, and when children are placed in it or taken off it.</p>	14/12/2020
Walking	Being run over by car/trips/falls/dog bite/cigarette burns	Medium	<p>Babies and toddlers are always strapped into buggy.</p> <p>Older toddlers holding to walking rings/ holding hands.</p> <p>Other children encouraged to walk close to me and away from the kerb.</p> <p>Children discouraged from approaching or touching dogs.</p> <p>Children kept away from pedestrians who may be smoking.</p> <p>Care is taken to avoid uneven surfaces/slippery surfaces that may encourage trips and falls.</p> <p>Children not allowed to go up the hill when it is rainy.</p>	14/12/2020
Parks and open spaces	Trips/falls/drowning/fall ing off or being hit by play equipment/	High	<p>Children discouraged from approaching dogs.</p> <p>Children are discouraged from playing near a member of the public who is smoking.</p>	14/12/2020

	dogs/faeces/sharp objects/cigarette burns		<p>Visual checks carried out for faeces or sharp objects lying around and children removed from area.</p> <p>Close supervision when pre-school children are playing on or near play equipment.</p> <p>Care is taken to avoid uneven surfaces/slippy surfaces that may encourage trips and falls for younger children.</p> <p>Older children may undertake risky play under close supervision.</p> <p>When near water, care is taken to stay behind barriers if available, or children are strapped in buggies, and are taught about being sensible around the water's edge if feeding ducks etc.</p>	
Farm parks	Trips/falls/falling off or being hit by play equipment/animal bites/illness	Medium	<p>As above - plus.</p> <p>Children are closely supervised around animals.</p> <p>Hand sanitising gel is used after touching animals.</p> <p>Younger children are helped and older children encouraged holding their hands flat when feeding animals.</p>	14/12/2020
Groups	Burns/scalds/ children escaping/choking/ allergies	Medium	<p>Never put hot drinks on the floor and remove any that other adults have put on the floor.</p> <p>Ensure that if someone enters or leaves the room that the door is closed firmly each time.</p> <p>Remove any toys that become broken or un-hygienically dirty during the group.</p> <p>Close supervision during crafts and don't allow crawling babies to wander into the craft area if small or sharp objects are being used.</p> <p>Check any snacks that are available for allergies the children may have.</p>	14/12/2020

Shopping	Trapped fingers/ cigarette burns/dogs/ allergies/ Choking/falling items	Medium	<p>Ensure children are safely through doors before letting them close.</p> <p>Keep away from smoking pedestrians.</p> <p>Discourage children from approaching dogs.</p> <p>Close supervision when pre-school children are handling small items like coins.</p> <p>Discourage children from taking items of shelves so help prevent items falling on themselves or others.</p>	14/12/2020