

Play areas risk assessment

For this risk assessment the 'people at risk' is 'the public' throughout.

ADOPTED/ DUE FOR REVIEW

July 2024

July 2026

Hazard and Risk	Risk Level Likelihood * impact = TOTAL	Our Controls	Risk Level (after controls) Likelihood * impact = TOTAL	Our Future Controls	Target date & by whom
Play Equipment - defects, damage	2 * 5 = 10	Weekly inspections by councillors. Quarterly by professional assessor Recorded. Repairs done asap by competent person. Hazardous equipment removed from use/fenced off/signs erected/taped off etc.	1 * 5 = 5	Phone number for public to report defects.	New signage to be agreed by Hub WG in 2024
Defective Surfaces – Paths Safety surfaces Open grass - Slips, trips, falls	3 * 2 = 6	Weekly inspections by councillors & quarterly by professional assessor for safety defects e.g. pot holes, glass etc (recorded). Rapid response to defect repairs. Warning signs erected as necessary Mossy areas cleared regularly Any unauthorised vehicular use monitored e.g. off road motor bikes etc., Police notified.	2 * 2 = 4		
Bins - Cuts	1 * 3 = 3	Inspected regularly and repairs done as needed. Dangerous bins removed from use, including base to prevent trip hazard. Bin constructed of toughened material. Bins emptied regularly.	1 * 3 = 3		
Fencing - Cuts	1 * 2 = 2	Fences regularly inspected & recorded (as above). Rapid response to defect reports. Fence removed if in dangerous condition and temporary one erected.	1 * 2 = 2		

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Seating - Injury	3 * 3 = 9	Facilities regularly inspected (recorded). Defects repaired asap. Defective seating removed from use. Seating constructed of durable materials. Seating secured to ground to minimise vandalism.	2 * 3 = 9		
Dog Fouling Infection/ill health	4 * 2 = 8	'NO Dogs' signs erected.	3 * 2 = 6		
Gates - Entrapments	2 * 3 = 6	Closures inspected regularly (as above) Rapid response to defect reports.	2 * 3 = 6		
Vegetation - Poisoning - cuts	3 * 2 = 6	Non-hazardous plants in play areas. Hazardous vegetation removed and/or cut well back.	2 * 2 = 4		

Alderbury Parish Council's risk assessment matrix and RAG rating:

