



Risk Assessment

Bentley Play Park

Bentley Recreation Ground
School Lane
GU10 5JP

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An annual inspection is carried out and repairs are carried out as recommended.

Hazard/risk	Control measures to reduce risk	Risk: High, medium or low	Notes/Action
Rocking Equipment - See Saw Inadequate falling space/impact area Lack of maintenance, broken or faulty equipment. Potential entrapment. Pinch points and sharp edges. Protrusions and tangling hazards. Hard surfaces under equipment.	 Ensure surfacing (grass mats) are not worn or damaged to allow safe impact. Ensure the surface is free of sharp objects. The play equipment is checked monthly Tighten parts, loose bolts, and screws. Ensure the surface parts of the timber are not rough or splintered. Remove all rough or sharp edges. Remove all rough, sharp edges and tangling hazards. Ensure surfacing (grass mats) are not worn or damaged to allow safe impact.	 Low	 all OK



<p>Play Panel- Puzzle</p> <p>Pinch points and sharp edges.</p> <p>Potential entrapment.</p>	<p>Ensure the surface parts of the timber are not rough or splintered. Remove all rough or sharp edges. Ensure the paintwork is not showing signs of wear and tear and flaking away.</p> <p>Ensure there are currently no entrapment possibilities.</p>	<p>Low</p>	
<p>Swings - Basket Swing</p> <p>Pinch points and sharp edges.</p> <p>No movement from frame.</p> <p>No cracks in frame.</p> <p>Cable/chains rusty with squeaking in movement.</p> <p>Basket seat worn with holes.</p> <p>Basket seat height to floor depth for impact.</p> <p>Surfacing worn.</p> <p>Safety chains</p> <p>Link bolts</p> <p>Rubber bars</p> <p>Activity Equipment - Multi Play</p> <p>Bolt cap covers missing.</p>	<p>Ensure there are no gaps for potential entrapments beyond 8 to 25mm.</p> <p>Check the frame has no signs of movement from base</p> <p>Check no signs of rot and wood splitting.</p> <p>Basket swing moves freely without lots of noise from the chains showing signs of rust.</p> <p>Ensure the holes in the basket are not broken to allow entrapments.</p> <p>Ensure the seat is the right height from the floor</p> <p>Ensure grass mats are not worn and grass is visible.</p> <p>Check safety chains secure</p> <p>Check link bolts secure</p> <p>Check rubber bars in place</p> <p>Ensure all blot caps are in place.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Tighten bolts once a month (more during</p>



<p>Timbers are rough or splintered.</p> <p>Protruding screw ends.</p> <p>Finger entrapments.</p> <p>Guardrails/ rope ladder/loose bridge ropes.</p> <p>Movement of structure/ roof support rail.</p> <p>Inadequate falling space/impact area and playground.</p>	<p>Check that the wood is smooth with no rough or splintered points.</p> <p>Check for protruding screws.</p> <p>Ensure there are no finger entrapments at the climbing points.</p> <p>Ensure all guard rails and rope ladders are secure in the correct position. Tighten screws at ladder ropes, check bolts underneath and on the top of the frame. Ropes are checked for wear and there is no metal showing or signs or vandalism.</p> <p>The structure is stern and has no signs of unnecessary movement at the base.</p> <p>Ensure the rubber bonded mulch is not worn and correct depth for impact.</p>		<p>summer months than winter).</p> <p>Cracks in wood should be no more than between 8mm to 25mm.</p> <p>Gaps for entrapments should be no more than 8mm to 25mm on all items.</p>
<p>Play Panel – Ball Maze</p> <p>Pinch points and sharp edges.</p> <p>Potential entrapment.</p> <p>Vandalism.</p>	<p>Ensure parts of the timber are not rough or splintered. Remove all rough or sharp edges.</p> <p>Ensure the paintwork is not showing signs of wear and tear and flaking away.</p> <p>Ensure there are not entrapment possibilities.</p> <p>Check the equipment for signs of vandalism</p>	<p>Low</p>	
<p>Swings - 2 Seat (Cradle)</p> <p>Bolt cap covers missing.</p> <p>Timber rough or splintered.</p> <p>Finger entrapments.</p>	<p>All bolt caps are in place.</p> <p>Ensure no signs of rot or large splits in the wood.</p> <p>Ensure there are no gaps for potential entrapments.</p>	<p>Low</p>	



<p>Movement of structure.</p> <p>Worn rubber casing of metal cradle bar(s)</p> <p>Pinch points and sharp edges Large cracks in frame</p> <p>Cable/chains rusty with squeaking in movement.</p> <p>Cradle seat height to floor height from floor for impact.</p> <p>Worn mat surfacing.</p>	<p>Check the frame has no signs of movement from base.</p> <p>Ensure the rubber casing is not worn to show the metal bar so there is inadequate protection on impact.</p> <p>Ensure no sharp edges or cracks in frame</p> <p>Cradle swing moves freely without lots of noise from the chains showing signs of rust.</p> <p>Ensure the seat is the right height from the ground</p> <p>The grass mats are not worn, and grass is visible.</p>		
<p>Toddler Tower</p> <p>Worn ropes.</p> <p>Movement in structure.</p> <p>Clearance at base of slide.</p> <p>Finger entrapments</p> <p>Musical Instrument Bars</p> <p>No finger entrapments</p> <p>Notes hammer</p> <p>Paintwork</p> <p>Surfacing</p>	<p>No metal showing from worn ropes.</p> <p>No movement in base.</p> <p>Nothing obstructing exit of slide.</p> <p>No finger entrapments at steps or top of the slide.</p> <p>Ensure there are no entrapments between the note bars.</p> <p>The notes hammer is attached.</p> <p>The paintwork is clean, bright and in good condition without deterioration.</p> <p>Grass surfacing is at the right height level.</p>	<p>Low</p> <p>Low</p>	



Crawling tunnel Tunnel entrance and exit. Mound of grass	Ensure the tunnel is clear with no obstruction. Grass on mound is fixed securely to ground and is not too long in height.	Low	Mound of grass is in good condition
Stepping Stones & Log Walk Logs & stepping stones Grass	Check the logs and stepping stones are secured to the surface with no trip hazardous. Grass is not too long	Low	Grass in good condition
Embankment Slide Slide Grass	Ensure exit to slide is clear Ensure the turf is appropriately maintained to achieve a sound even surface.	Low	All OK
Two park gates Gate one from footpath next to Pavilion. Gate two from recreation grass next to zipwire	Ensure the two gates work for bullying purposes. Self-closing gates should close by 5 secs. Paintwork on the gate should be bright and not chipping off. Remove trip hazards of surface when entering the play area.	Low	
Park Bin	Has the bin been emptied? Is it clean?	Low	
Park fence Fence panels condition	Ensure the surface parts of the timber are not rough or splintered. Remove all rough or sharp edges.	Low	



	Ensure the fence panels are secure and show no signs of movement or rotten panels.		
Cableway Finger entrapments in pulley? Surfacing Movement from push off base Cableway	Ensure pulley moves freely and is out of reach of fingers Ensure surface is level and soft No movement from push off base. Cableway moves freely and doesn't require lubricants.	Low	Currently awaiting replacement cableway
Picnic Bench Movement Wood damaged or splintered Finger entrapments	No movement in base Wood in good condition Ensure no finger entrapments.	Low	All OK
Weeds/litter	Area clear of litter Clear of weeds and sting nettles	Low	
Play Park notice signs	Two signs at both gates clear and not damaged	Low	All OK

RESIDUAL RISK RATING	ACTION REQUIRED
VERY HIGH (VH) Strong likelihood of fatality / serious injury occurring	The activity must not take place at all. You must identify further controls to reduce the risk rating.
HIGH (H) Possibility of fatality/serious injury occurring	You must identify further controls to reduce the risk rating. Seek further advice, e.g. from your H&S Team
MEDIUM (M) Possibility of significant injury or over 3-day absence occurring	If it is not possible to lower risk further, you will need to consider the risk against the benefit. Monitor risk assessments at this rating more regularly and closely. 3-6 months to complete the work
LOW (L) Possibility of minor injury only	No further action required.