

CHILDREN'S SERVICES RISK ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE FORM RATF-001

Activities Using Rope or String Risk Assessment

To be completed using: Children's Services Safety Guidance Procedure SGP 01/07 (Risk Assessment)

Location / Site	Purbrook Infant School
Activity / Procedure	Activities using rope or string.
Assessment date	24.05.17
Assessment serial number	Insert local serial/identification number for future reference

Identify hazards	Record all hazards that could cause harm or injury – add appropriate detail about the type and location of hazards
<u>Visibility of rope/string</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tripping. • Causing harm if walked into.
<u>Rope slipping</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rope burn.
<u>Low rope</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trips/falls.
<u>Loops of rope</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entanglement leading to falls, trips.
<u>Neck height</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catching neck leading to strangulation.

Identify people at risk	Circle boxes where persons may be affected by hazards	
Employees	YES	NO
Visitors	YES	NO
Contractors	YES	NO

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Vulnerable persons	YES	NO
Pupils	YES	NO

Existing level of risk	Consider current level of risk		
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
Control measures	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls		

Visibility of rope/string

- If possible use brightly coloured ropes/string.
- Mark ropes/string with visible objects if needed.
- Adults to monitor locations of ropes/string and move if necessary.

Rope slipping

- Gloves to be worn if activity involves pulling a rope.
- Adults to monitor use of rope and to control activities that involve pulling on rope.

Low rope

- Ropes to be brightly coloured or marked.
- Groups to be advised to position ropes to ensure they are not a trip hazard.
- Adults to monitor and assist in repositioning where necessary.

Loops of rope

- Ropes to be brightly coloured or marked.
- Loose ropes to be tidied away and secured when not in use.

Neck height rope

- Ropes to be brightly coloured or marked.
- Groups taught to avoid putting ropes at neck height where people could walk into them.
- Adults to monitor and advise where appropriate.

Remaining level of risk	Consider level of risk following use of control measures		
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Assessor's comments	Insert comments relevant to findings as appropriate
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The Forest School leaders will be responsible for maintaining and checking the ropes and string used for any sessions. Where possible we will have brightly coloured ropes and string for visibility. The leaders will be responsible for keeping their knot knowledge and competency up to date. Individual risk assessments for vulnerable children and adults will be completed.

Name of assessor	Signature of assessor	Date
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Manager's comments	Insert comments relevant to assessment as appropriate

Name of manager	Signature of manager	Date

Risk assessment reviews	Set future review dates & sign/comment upon completion

Review date	Reviewed by	Reviewer signature	Remarks