


## GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:	<b>Play Area</b>	 <b>EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL</b>
Location:	<b>East Court Grounds</b>	
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This risk assessment produces a numerical representation of the expected frequency of potential exposure to COVID 19, to specified people in parks and outdoor environments		Date of Next Review: 10.08.2020

**Hazard** – is the potential for transmission of COVID 19

**Control Measures** – are the actions taken to reduce the level of risk of exposure to COVID 19

**Potential exposure** – is the likely amount of exposure to COVID 19 that could occur.

The equation for establishing risk ratings is likelihood of exposure (1-5) (L) x potential level of exposure (1-5) (P) = Risk Rating (1-25)

		Likelihood					Likelihood x Potential = Risk Rating			
Severity		1	2	3	4	5	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Potential exposure (P)</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Action</b>
	1	1	2	3	4	5	5= inevitable	5= Significant and prolonged	Over 20	<b>Intolerable risk – HIGH</b> immediate action required
	2	2	4	6	8	10	4= highly likely	4= High	15-19	<b>Substantial risk – HIGH</b> control measures to be put in place
	3	3	6	9	12	15	3= possible	3= Moderate	10-14.	<b>Moderate risk – MEDIUM</b> control measures to be put in place
	4	4	8	12	16	20	2= unlikely	2= Minor	5-9	<b>Tolerable risk – MEDIUM</b> control measures to be considered
	5	5	10	15	20	25	1= highly unlikely	1= Extremely minor	Below 5	<b>Trivial – LOW</b> implement action if indicated
		<b>Low (1 - 4)</b>			<b>Medium (5 - 14)</b>			<b>High (15 +)</b>		

Identified Hazards	Who may be affected	Issues Identified Government Guidelines	Risk Level before control measures				Additional Control measures required	Final Risk level				To be actioned by	Actioned by date
			L x P = R					L x P = R					
			L	P	R	RR		L	P	R	RR		
Social Distancing adherence	Public, Staff, Contractors, disabled and vulnerable groups (inc young children)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spread of COVID-19 due to touching surfaces and lack of social distancing</li> <li>if an enclosed area, an advisory limit on the maximum number of users able to use a playground or area at any one time and use signs to communicate this</li> <li>Limiting the number of users able to use a particular piece of equipment to minimise the transmission risk of COVID-19.</li> <li>Setting a time limit and using signs to communicate this to users, parents, guardians or carers</li> <li>Consider waiting area for users when maximum number of users are in the play area or on the equipment</li> <li>Consider one way entrance and exit</li> </ul>	3	3	9	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signage reminding users that if the playground is busy to come back later</li> <li>Signage advising larger pieces of equipment should be used by one family unit at a time</li> <li>Sufficient entrances and exits. The number of gates is 3</li> <li>Signage advising social distancing</li> <li>There are sufficient gates to allow access. The number of gates is 3</li> <li>Request via signage those using the play area to only have 1 adult per family unit</li> <li>The available number of seats on swings reduced to promote social distancing, including for parents, carers or guardians who might push children on swings</li> <li>Number of swings removed 3</li> </ul>	3	2	6	M	EGTC Responsible Person	10/08/2020
Cleaning & Hygiene	Public, Staff, Contractors, disabled and vulnerable groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientific advice suggests that the virus can survive for up to several days on hard surfaces</li> <li>High amount of touch points within play areas and young children who may not understand the risks</li> <li>Cleaning high traffic touch points</li> </ul>	3	3	9	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risks can be reduced to surfaces UV light and/or rain</li> <li>Signage to promote cleaning of equipment by users where there are clear touch points such as swings</li> <li>Signage reminding users of the playground do so at their own</li> </ul>	3	2	6	M	EGTC Responsible Person	10/08/2020

		<p>frequently such as: play equipment, entry and exit points such as gates, seating areas and bins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where practicable, providing hand sanitiser (automated where possible) or hand washing facilities at the entry and exit points, in addition to public toilets/washrooms</li> <li>• Parents, guardians or carers should dispose of all litter including any used protective wear such as face coverings or gloves properly in litter bins</li> </ul>					<p>risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play park sanitised before initial opening to the public</li> <li>• Weekly cleaning regime with contractor for all hard surfaces to be sanitised</li> <li>• Signage advising adults to provide regular hand sanitiser</li> <li>• Signage advising no food or drink to be consumed within the play park</li> <li>• Due to the flammable alcohol in the gel, hand sanitiser is not provided</li> <li>• Signs directing users to the public toilets where handwashing available</li> <li>• Adequate bins supplied which are regularly emptied</li> </ul>						
Children or adults with additional needs	Public, Staff, Contractors, disabled and vulnerable groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An understanding that many need frequent reminders about rules of behaviour in playground settings</li> <li>• Changes to familiar environments are likely to require longer periods of adjustment</li> <li>• Children with physical and sensory disabilities may need assistance with moving from one place to the next</li> <li>• Some children with additional needs such as autism find it difficult to adjust to particular new requirements, and therefore may be less willing follow the new guidance.</li> <li>• Some additional needs are not evident, such as hearing loss, and may therefore account for non-</li> </ul>	3	3	9	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy access paths between pieces of play equipment</li> <li>• Signage advising, please take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of you and your family</li> <li>• Signage advising users of the play park not to enter if showing any C19 Symptoms</li> </ul>	3	2	6	M	EGTC Responsible Person	10/08/2020

		responsiveness to verbal instruction • Queuing for apparatus can be a source of frustration, and the cause of agitation											
Keeping Staff & Contractors Safe	Public, Staff, Contractors, disabled and vulnerable groups	• Cleaning Playground equipment and surrounding areas	2	2	4	L	• Cleaning contractor to supply full risk assessment and method statement on cleaning regime. • COSHH Data sheets for sanitiser should be made available.	2	2	4	L	EGTC Responsible Person	10/08/2020

RESIDUAL RISK RATING	ACTION REQUIRED
<b>VERY HIGH (VH) Strong likelihood of fatality / serious injury occurring</b>	<b>The activity must not take place at all.</b> You must identify further controls to reduce the risk rating.
<b>HIGH (H) Possibility of fatality/serious injury occurring</b>	You must identify further controls to reduce the risk rating. Seek further advice, e.g. from your H&S Team
<b>MEDIUM (M) Possibility of significant injury or over 3 day absence occurring</b>	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.
<b>LOW (L) Possibility of minor injury only</b>	No further action required.