



**Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway Plc**  
**Risk Assessment for Outdoor Play Areas - Station Staff**

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The railway has several outdoor play areas that are popular with children. This RA assess potential hazards associated with these areas and suggests suitable control measures.

Department: Station Staff

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**Use of outdoor play areaa**

Type	Hazard Cause	Persons Affected	Control Measures	L Overall	S Medium - Risk to be minimised and controlled so far as is reasonably practical.	T	Additional Control Measures	L Overall	S	T	Owner/Action
Health and Safety	Injury to users Slips, trips, falls, pinches, lacerations	Public	1) CRITICAL - Elimination: Play areas are closed in extreme weather conditions. - Effective 2) CRITICAL - Elimination: Play areas to be closed if temperature falls below freezing. - Effective 3) CRITICAL - Engineering: Where 'soft fall' flooring is in place, it must be suitably distributed to be efficient. - Effective 4) CRITICAL - Engineering: In hard surface areas, the floor surfaces should be swept regularly to remove any debris. - Effective 5) CRITICAL - Engineering: Any damaged or malfunction equipment to be taken out of use and measures taken to stop it being used. (Tape and/or barriers etc). - Effective 6) CRITICAL - Engineering: Play equipment to be suitably robust and built professionally. (Not DIY). - Effective 7) CRITICAL - Engineering: Areas to be regularly weeded to minimise risk of thorns and thistles. - Effective 8) CRITICAL - Engineering: No loose equipment to be used that could be 'thrown'. - Effective 9) CRITICAL - Engineering: Ensure equipment is suitably spaced out so as not to interfere with one another. - Effective 10) CRITICAL - Administrative: Visual inspection of area before each day of use. Check for loose fittings, splinters, sharp edges, nails, contamination etc. - Effective 11) CRITICAL - Administrative: Annual thorough inspection of equipment. - Effective 12) CRITICAL - Administrative: Children must be supervised at all times by an adult. - Effective 13) CRITICAL - Administrative: Doors and gates only to be operated by adults. - Effective 14) CRITICAL - Administrative: Suitable safety signage to be in place. - Effective 15) CRITICAL - Administrative: No food or drink to be consumed whilst using the play equipment. - Effective 16) CRITICAL - Administrative: Equipment not to be used during electrical storms. - Effective 17) CRITICAL - Administrative: Dogs (or other pets) not allowed into play areas. - Effective 18) CRITICAL - Administrative: Numbers using equipment to be controlled when in times of high usage. - Effective 19) CRITICAL - Administrative: No climbing to be allowed on equipment not designed for such use. - Effective 20) CRITICAL - Administrative: No smoking or vaping allowed in play areas. - Effective 21) CRITICAL - Administrative: No fires to be lit or BBQ's sited in play areas. - Effective 22) CRITICAL - Administrative: Users to be under 10 years of age. - Effective CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE	3 x 2 = 6	Medium - Risk to be minimised and controlled so far as is reasonably practical.		1) Engineering: Avoid structures with moving parts that have the potential to cause pinch, tangle or entrapment issues. - Effective 2) Engineering: Consider fencing in such areas to increase security. - Effective 3) Engineering: Areas to be lockable when decision taken not to open. - Effective 4) Administrative: Consider suitable equipment for use by children with disabilities. - Effective	3 x 2 = 6	n/a	Medium - Risk to be minimised and controlled so far as is reasonably practical.	



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<p>23) CRITICAL - PPE: First aid kits to be available for use in this area from the station offices. - Effective</p>											
<p><b>Score and Control Measure Notes.</b> Impossible to completely remove all hazards. Injuries likely to be minor cuts and bruises. Risk remains the same.</p>											

### **COSHH Assessments**

There are no COSHH assessments associated with this risk assessment.

Ends



## Appendix



Reference: UI-45762-437  
Signage 1 -



Reference: UI-45762-768  
Signage 2 -



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**Reference: UI-45762-612**  
Climbing House -



**Reference: UI-45762-887**  
General Area -