Risk Assessment - Outdoor Play Areas

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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.

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Use of outdoor play areaa

Type	Hazard Cause	Persons Affected	Control Measures	L S T Overall	Additional Control Measures	L S T Overall	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 take 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 al 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 Medium - Risk to be minimised and controlled so far as is reasonably practical.	n/a

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			23) CRITICAL - PPE: First aid kits to be available for use in this area from the station offices. - Effective				

Score and Control Measure Notes.
Impossible to completely remove all hazards. Injuries likely to be minor cuts and bruises.
Risk remains the same.

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 -



Reference: UI-45762-612
Climbing House -



Reference: UI-45762-887
General Area -