

Wicklewood Playing Field & Play Area Risk Assessment

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary?	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
Overhead electricity cables	Users of the playing field may be electrocuted.	- Overhead lines have been removed from playing field area, but overhead termination pole exist at either end of underground cable. - Regular inspection.	No further action needed.			
Litter, glass	Users of the playing field and play area may suffer injuries, cuts.	- Regular inspection of area. - Litter-picking carried out as required.	No further action needed.			
Used Needles	Users of the playing field and play area may suffer HIV, Hepatitis B, etc.	- Regular inspection of area. - Not considered to be a high risk area.	Contact Environmental Health at South Norfolk Council	Parish Clerk or playing field inspector		
Dog faeces	Users of the playing field and play area may suffer infection, Toxicariasis.	- Prevent dog walking on site so far as is reasonably practicable. - Signage prohibiting dog walking on playing field. - Regular inspection of area.	No further action needed.			
Hard surfaces	Users of the play area may suffer injuries such as fractures or bruising if they fall.	- Suitable play surfaces installed around play equipment in accordance with British Standards. - Regular inspection of area.	No further action needed.			
Poisonous or thorny plants	Users of the playing field and play area may suffer poisoning, skin irritation, scratches, etc.	- Inspection of areas for unsuitable plants and weeds. - Regular inspection of area.	No further action needed.			

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Trees	Users of the playing field may suffer injuries or death due to unsafe or falling branches or trees.	Regular inspection of area	No further action needed.			
Defective ground surface eg. Holes	Users of the playing field and play area may suffer injuries such as fractures or bruising if they trip or fall.	Regular inspection of area.	No further action needed.			
Play Area equipment	Users of the play area may suffer injuries such as fractures or bruising if they trip or fall.	- Visual monthly inspections. - Independent annual inspection.	No further action needed.			
Goal Posts	Users of the goal posts may suffer serious injury or death due to instability of goal posts.	- Visual monthly inspections. - Independent annual inspection - Sockets covered during removal.	No further action needed.			
Vehicle movement (general)	Users of the playing field and play area could suffer serious injury or death if struck by moving vehicle.	- General prohibition of vehicles applies except for maintenance and emergency purposes only. - No unauthorised motor vehicle sign. - Fencing & Gates to stop cars using playing field.	No further action needed.			
Vehicle movement (Grass cutting /maintenance)	Users of the playing field and play area could suffer serious injury or death if struck by moving vehicle.	- Check that children and young people are not in the area. - Grass cutting/maintenance takes place at times when playing field and play area are not in use.	Parish Council must see the Contractors public liability insurance and Risk Assessment annually and hold a copy on file.	Parish Clerk		

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