



Walsall Childminding Club

Outdoor Area Risk Assessment

This risk assessment covers the outdoor play area used by children attending Walsall Childminding Club. Children may only play on the small field to the left of the building. The back and side of the building and the car park are out of bounds unless accompanied by a staff member.

Hazard	Potential Risk	Control Measures	Risk Level
Back/side of building	Unsupervised access, hidden hazards	Children must not access these areas without a staff member. Boundaries explained and supervised.	Low
Cars and car park	Vehicle collision	Children are never allowed near cars or the car park. Staff supervise access points.	Low
Leaving play area	Child wandering off	Children remain on the small field only. Regular head counts.	Low
Trips, slips and falls	Cuts, bruises, fractures	Inspect ground before use. Suitable footwear required.	Medium
Wet/icy surfaces	Slips and falls	Outdoor play adapted or cancelled during unsafe weather.	Medium
Weather	Sunburn, dehydration, cold stress	Provide water, sunscreen (with consent), hats and suitable clothing.	Medium
Play equipment	Falls, trapped fingers	Equipment checked before each use and supervised.	Low
Litter/sharp objects	Cuts, infection	Daily visual checks and immediate removal of hazards.	Low
Insects & plants	Stings, allergic reactions	Check for nests and harmful plants. Allergy plans followed.	Low
Strangers	Safeguarding risk	Children remain close to staff. Safeguarding procedures followed.	Low
Emergency	Delayed evacuation	Register, phone and first aid kit available outdoors.	Low
Poor supervision	Accidents	Correct staff ratios maintained and continuous supervision.	Low

Outdoor Play Rules

- Children only play on the small field to the left of the building.
- Children must not go to the back or side of the building without a staff member.
- Children must not enter the car park or go near vehicles.
- Staff supervise children at all times and complete regular head counts.
- The outdoor area is checked before each play session and any hazards removed.