



# RISK ASSESSMENT

November 2023

Area	Potential Hazards	Action to Prevent potential accidents	Check frequency
<b>Back Garden and Entrance</b>			
Back Gate	Children wandering off Strangers entering	Discuss safety with children Back gate is locked to prevent access to unauthorised adults	
Bikes and Scooters	Accidents falls Harm from cars	Children are fully supervised if using bikes and scooters in side drive Helmets, knee and elbow pads available Children may not go beyond the side drive	
Swing set	Falls bumps knocks	Discuss with children regarding safety around other children	
Wye Bother	Drowning burns falls knocks	Gate to Wye Bother is locked at all times Access to this area is under constant adult supervision only Hot tub water is tested before use Gym equipment not permitted for use by children	
Grass (dogs)	Faeces poisoning/slips	Dog faeces picked up before children allowed out to play Sand used to cover any residue	
Dogs General	Bites Fear Trips	Dogs may be allowed in garden with children depending on supervision and children's general feelings In general dogs will be kept in whilst children play	
Glass	Cuts	Window and door glass all meets British standards Monitoring of activities to avoid glass smashing	
Trampoline	Falls collisions	Trampoline has safety net Children are provided with safe use rules and monitored stringently in this No children under 6 years	

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## Conservatory Entrance

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Back door	Children wandering off	Discuss with children Door is not locked to allow free flow play Back gate is locked	
First Aid Kit	Cuts bruises knocks falls	Stored in conservatory	
Alcohol	Poisoning	Stored in high wall cupboards Beer cooler switched off Supervision discussion	
Cleaning materials	Poisoning burns	Cupboard catches Supervision discussion	
Laundry Area	Burns poisoning slips	Behind screen Supervision discussion	
General Area	Trips falls/evacuation	Children will have their own storage cube for bags coats etc to maintain tidiness and avoid trips and blocking exit in case of emergency	

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## Kitchen/ Dining Room

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Oven and hob	Burns scalds	Children are not permitted to play in the kitchen area. kitchen off limits when hob/oven are in use Pans are always sited to rear of hob so no danger of overhanging other cooking equipment such as slow cooker situated in centre of island Majority of cooking completed while children are not present	
Cleaning cupboards	Burns poisoning	Cupboards under sink have child safety catches	
Fire Blanket	Everyone - risk of fire.	Fire blanket sited beside fridge freezer	
Knives and other sharp objects	Cuts	Child catch on knife drawer	
Food Storage and Preparation	Everyone - incorrect storage and service of food which could lead to ill health	Fridge has built in temperature display Food stored in appropriate containers in fridge and freezer Food stock rotated and used within recommended date Food reheated to appropriate temperature FOOD HYGEINE CERTIFICATE HELD	
Dish Washer	Burns trips	Care taken when using dishwasher and children encouraged not to use galley part of kitchen unless necessary Children may load dishes into dishwasher but not operate	

Waste disposal	Cuts serious injury	The button is to the rear of the sink and hard to press so cannot be activated accidentally The unit is noisy so inappropriate use is not possible Children will be taught to use the sink for food waste but not to operate the machine	
Food handling and kitchen hygiene	Everyone - cross contamination which could lead to ill health	Anti bacterial soap and paper towels available at sink and at wash basin in bathroom Cloths and tea towels changed daily Paper towel used where practical Surfaces cleaned first thing with anti bacterial spray and prior to food prep and consumption Floors cleaned daily Bins kept in cupboard end emptied daily	
Cat	Cross contamination	Cat is actively discouraged from climbing on work surfaces Surfaces cleaned with anti bac and cat showed the water sprayer if he does not agree Cat is locked out of kitchen when food prep and consumption is in progress	
Dogs	Cross contamination bites trips	Dogs are encouraged to stay out of kitchen whilst children are present They are put to bed when meals are served and being prepared	

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## Bathroom

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Hand washing	Cross contamination Prevention of communicative diseases	Children encouraged to wash hands thoroughly after using bathroom and dry with paper towel	
Water spills	Slips	Children asked to let me know if floor is wet and area will be closed until dry Mats in use	
Toiletries/Cleaning products	Poisoning burns	Stored in wall cabinet	
Hot water	Burns scalds	Water temperature regulated by gas boiler to not too hot	

## Food and Drink

Hot drinks in the home	Children - Scalding.	Hot drinks consumed at kitchen table or breakfast bar	
Snacks & Meals	Choking Burns	Family dining at the table All snacks and meals to be taken sitting at breakfast bar or at table	
Drinks Outside	Cuts cross contamination	All outdoor dinks will be served in plastic cups Children will be encouraged to fill their personal water bottle No snacks outside	



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Car maintenance	Accident breakdown	Car will be regularly serviced and maintained to ensure safe journeys and reduce risk of breakdowns	
Fuel	Leaving children in car	Car will be fuelled in advance and not when carrying children	
Insurance	Liability	Car has adequate insurance for child minding business	
Seat Belts	Injury fatality	All children will be correctly belted into their seat at all times with use of age appropriate boosters where necessary	
DVD Player	Inappropriate content	Any DVD's watched in the car will be age appropriate	
Behaviour	Distracting driver accident	Children will be encourage to behave sensibly whilst in the car and avoid distracting the driver risking a collision	
First Aid	Emergency use	The car will have a suitable emergency first aid kit and fire extinguisher.	

Walking: Insufficient understanding of road safety. Modelling of unsafe crossing procedures or insufficient modelling of safe crossing procedure.	Everyone –children’s safety, risk of being knocked over by a car	Discussion with children prior to and during walking outings	
Not having written permission from parents for applying sun cream, travel in cars or on public transport and taking photographs	Childminder – risk of complaint / EYFS and Ofsted Requirement	Ensure that all permissions forms are completed when child registers with Hometime	
Not having written permission from parents for emergency medical advice or treatment	Children – delay in treatment – potential health implications  Childminder – risk of complaint / EYFS and Ofsted Requirement	Ensure that all permissions for treatment and administration of medication are completed when child registers with Hometime	