

COVID-19 Outside play equipment




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The following risk assessment is in relation to outside play equipment that is within a garden. This does not include any indoor equipment and all other play items / areas inside must be removed and closed off

PEOPLE EXPOSED

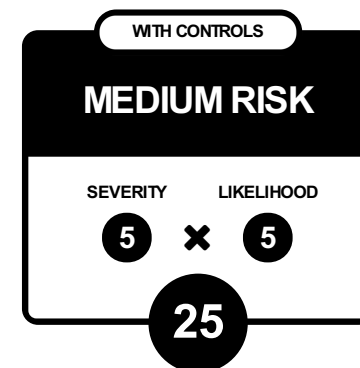
-  Colleagues
-  Visitors / Guests
-  Contractors
-  Members of the Public

HAZARDS

-  **Preventing the spread of COVID 19 to staff and the wider community**
With no controls in place the risk of spreading the virus does increase
-  **Increased risk of violence and aggression**
By not allowing the use (as per Government guidance) then it may cause more risk and time spent to the operator explaining why it is closed, when the Government has allowed them to open
-  **Increased first aid incidents**
With the play area open, children are more likely to require first aid

CONTROL MEASURES

- Clear signage displayed and communication with the customer**
Signage to be displayed explaining expectation, social distance to be maintained, hand sanitisation. Also to be very clear that the area is unsupervised and it is the parent responsibility to manage their children
- Hand sanitiser**
To obtain a table in the garden you still need to go through the designated entrance. There will be sanitisation points at the entrance to the garden area. Families with children to be reminded about the importance of clean hands for children
- Social distancing**
Unless the children are from the same family, social distancing should be maintained as best as is possible with children, although a group of 6 can meet outside. Clear signage to encourage social distancing and to remind the parents



○ **Enhanced cleaning**

Every type of equipment is different but as best as is reasonably practicable, all touch points should be cleaned on a regular basis. Special consideration needs to be given to handles and hand rails and all other touch points. Good practice would be to observe a child playing to understand where the key touch points are