

# Safeguarding

## Risk Assessments (2)



It is your legal responsibility to protect children from harm, but also to have a common-sense approach to managing risks. You need to enable children to take age appropriate and reasonable risks as part of their growth and development.

### **Task 1**

How do you ensure you strike the right balance between protecting children from serious risk, and allowing them to take challenges and learn by trial and error? Discuss with your team.

### Outings

The EYFS (2023) states that children must be kept safe while on outings. Providers must assess the risks or hazards which may arise for the children, and must identify the steps to be taken to remove, minimise and manage those risks and hazards. The assessment must include consideration of adult to child ratios. The risk assessment does not necessarily need to be in writing; this is for providers to judge.

## Task 2

Consider the questions below:

- Does your setting have a trips and outings risk assessment?
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- What things do you need to consider when taking children off-site.  
When walking?  
When using public transport?  
When using your own vehicle?

### Fire Safety Risk Assessment

The Regulatory Reform Fire Safety Order 2005 applies to all non- domestic premises. Buildings must have a fire risk assessment which identifies and reduces the fire risk by managing fire safety procedures. These include: - fire drills, evacuation, training, means of escape, signs and notices, lighting. Fire protection equipment and fire door maintenance

## Task 3

Consider the questions below:

- Is your fire risk assessment part of the induction process with new staff?
- Are parents aware of your fire safety procedures?
- Do you have a well-rehearsed emergency plan?

- Do you conduct fire drills at different times and on different days, so that everyone takes part at some point?
- Do you have a contingency plan in place, should you be unable to return to the building following an evacuation?

### Reporting of diseases and dangerous occurrences regulations (Riddor)

There is a legal requirement to report and keep records of certain incidents. This applies to the following:

- Work related accidents which cause certain serious incidents.
- Deaths, if they arise from a work-related accident.
- Occupational diseases.
- Reportable dangerous occurrences.
- Reportable gas incidents.

## **Task 4**

Consider the questions below:

- Does your setting have an accident book for recording staff accidents and incidents?
- Do you review your accident book regularly to identify any potential or actual hazards?

Next, explore the Riddor website – how to make a Riddor report and share with your team. Click on: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm>

## **Other useful links:**

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/entertainment/childs-play-statement.htm>

Millie's mark

<https://www.milliesmark.com/for-nurseries>

Outings Risk Assessment

<https://www.childcare.co.uk/information/outings-risk-assessments>