

Policies and Procedures

Risk Assessments (1)



To ensure that the setting is safe it is important to carry out thorough risk assessments.

Are all staff aware of the difference between a hazard and a risk?

A hazard is something that can cause an accident or harm someone; the risk is the possibility of a hazard causing an accident or harm.

1. How thorough is your risk assessment?
2. How often is it reviewed?
3. Who is involved in completing the assessment?
4. Are all staff aware of the existence of risk assessments in your setting and how they are expected to contribute?
5. Are there areas within your building where children are not allowed? How do you make sure these areas are not accessible?

TASK

Create a room map of your play spaces and mark down the hot spots for potential hazards. Review your current risk assessments and note any hot spots that are not already included.

Include the children in this process, asking them to identify hazards and explore how they can avoid them safely.