

RISK ASSESSMENT - CHILDMINDER

Risk Assessment Policy

Aim

It is our policy to keep children safe by assessing any risks to their safety whilst allowing them the opportunity to take measured risks to support their learning and development.

Procedure

In order to do this, we will ensure that:

We check our home and garden every morning before the minded children arrive to ensure that it is a safe environment for the children to play in. We complete a Daily Risk Assessment and safety check tick list each morning.

We risk assess any environment that we take the children into, for example, walking to and from school; the shops; library; and toddler groups etc. If we are planning to take the children into environments that are unknown to us we will try to do a risk assessment in advance, so we are aware of any potential hazards. Risk assessments are kept in the Risk assessment folder in the setting office.

We assess any risks and hazards when using transport and take action when necessary to minimise any accidents or incidents.

Where appropriate, we have written risk assessments. These detail:

- the environment to be checked
- the hazards
- who might be harmed and how
- what safety measures/precautions we are taking
- what further action is required and how the risk will be reduced
- frequency of checks

We also include a review date and review when there is a significant change in our setting.

Our activities will be well planned and organised. We will plan for the unique needs of each child depending on their age and stage of development, allowing children the freedom to play and explore, develop concepts and learn how to predict and avoid dangerous situations.

This policy also links with our Accident and Emergency procedures, Health and Safety, and Outings policy.

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England

Meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements
Safety and Suitability of premises, environment and equipment, Risk assessment

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