

Mulberry Bush Third Space Risk Assessment Form

Area of Risk: MB3 Grounds Risk Assessment **Updated:** 09.04.2019

Address : MB3

Church Lane, Toddington
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
GL54 5DQ

General Risk Assessment

Natural hazards- rough ground, contour of land, natural obstacles, vegetation, wildlife, tree branches, adverse weather. Buildings

Objective Hazards

Hazard	Level of seriousness	Likelihood	Control
Rough ground- slipping, tripping and falling	M	L	On first visit make everyone aware of uneven ground and discuss walking safely. Ensure appropriate footwear is worn. If slippery conditions find alternative routes.
Changes in contour of land- slipping, tripping and falling	M	L	Make people aware of slopes and dips when walking.
Natural obstacles such as felled wood and boulders	M	L	Remove obstacles or point out to people to make them aware.

<p>Vegetation – toxins and infections from fruit or berries; scratches or stings from plants; allergic reaction to vegetation, and stings</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>Site should be checked for toxic vegetation. People will wash hands with wipes before eating, and at the end of the session. Discuss the dangers of poisonous vegetation and warn not eat any food they pick such as berries unless directed to by an adult. Keep main areas clear of stinging and scratching vegetation. Be aware of people with allergies, and try to avoid items they are allergic to. If bee or wasp nest identified, cordon off with a visible boundary.</p>
<p>Wildlife – contraction of infections/ disease from dead or injured animals</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>Advise people not to pick up or touch dead or injured animals. Always wash hands after handling feathers.</p>
<p>Branches falling, and hurting people.</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>Check the site regularly for low hanging branches, and branches that are dead. Inform the Project Manager and seek advice on whether they should be removed. Do not go to the site on severe windy days.</p>
<p>Low branches – harming people’s eyes.</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>Remove branches that are at head height (adult and child) which may be a hazard.</p>

<p>Adverse weather conditions, e.g. wind, rain, cold and heat</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>Prior to visit judgement will be made about the weather conditions and if the site will be safe. When windy, there is a danger from falling tree branches. On cold days people will need to be suitably dressed and kept active to keep warm.in extreme heat, people will need to be in the shade and drink plenty to stay hydrated. Sun hats to be worn and sun cream applied. In wet conditions, again suitably dressed and care must be taken around the site</p>
<p>Ditch adjacent to site boundary - potential to flood and be deep at times throughout the year.</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>Adults to be aware after heavy rainfall, or snow melt, of the ditch water level and immediate area adjacent to ditch. Ditch may have burst it banks and surrounding area flooded. Water may be deeper and ground more unstable than it appears. Children should not be in the ditch as it falls the other side of the boundary fence.</p>

<p>Outbuildings - 2 barns, several locked garages and toilet block</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>There are several outbuildings on the site. Adults to be aware of these buildings and to supervise children at all times when near them. The two barns are located on the meadow area that will be used for outdoor learning, One barn is secure and locked, the other is open and is behind wooden fencing. They contain old disused furniture, old farm machinery and general disused household items. Adults to be aware of this and support children's natural curiosity if they want to take a closer look with supervision. With many additional outbuildings, there is increased opportunity of places for children to hide. During outdoor learning sessions, the toilet blocks can be used, children to be supervised whilst in the toilet block area as it is away from the meadow and close to the main building and accommodation block.</p>
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Old Machinery	M	L	Several items of old farming machinery located in the barns /shed located in the meadow area. Children and adults should not have access to them, however, children may climb over the wooden fencing. There may be sharp rusty edges and maybe unstable if tampered with or moved.
Log Piles	M	M	Several, established log piles located around the site. These are behind a wooden fence. Adults to have an awareness of children possibly climbing the fence for access. Over time log piles may rot and need removing. If log piles become unstable, there is a risk of them rolling off and crushing limbs. Log piles to be regularly monitored.

Farm	L	L	<p>There is a working farm located next to the site. It is visible from the meadow and wooded area. Children should not be crossing over the boundary fence and on to the farm site. Livestock and machinery may be present. If necessary and appropriate to the group adults to discuss with children in child friendly terms the potential dangers. Adults to supervise children when in the wooded area and along the boundary fence where entry may be accessible.</p>
Main Road			<p>The main road is in close proximity to the site. Adults to be aware of this.</p>

Main Buildings, plus Bedrooms	M	L	<p>The main building is only accessible with a code so children should not have access to this building without adults present. Most of the rooms in the main and residential buildings are locked and are not accessible.</p> <p>The main building has a working kitchen and lounge area. Children to be talk through these areas and to be monitored when in the kitchen.</p>
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Site specific information

There is a picnic bench and an ordinary bench that might be tempting to stand on. There are a number of sculptures around the site made of stone and wood, as well as ceramic pots with plants and trees. Children just need to be aware that they are ornamental and not suitable for playing on.

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