

Harm / Impact:

Trips/Falls - Sprains/Broken Wrists, Cuts, Bruises, Head Trauma.

Cuts - Lacerations/scars/infection.

Crushing - fingers, limbs, head, bones, chest (fence panels/gates/vehicles etc.)

Falling - Limb injuries, head trauma, spinal injury.

Impact – Head/Eye trauma, limb injury.

Contact with contaminated objects - Infection

Bites - Infection, scaring

Impaling/Hanging, death, serious internal injuries

Bums - Face, body scaring

Explosion - Face, body scaring, death

Physical/Mental Abuse - from bullying/entrapment - bodily/mental trauma

Persons in Danger:

Users of the playing field-

Young Children

Parents/Grandparents/carers

Visitors (authorised and unauthorised)

Contractors

Councillors/Employees

Walkers (with dogs)

Numbers (uncontrolled)

approx. daily use (av)

30

10

10

4

4

25

Persons at Particular Risk

Un-accompanied children

partially sighted/visually impaired

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR ST JOHN'S PLAYING FIELDS

1. BOUNDARY FENCING

Fencing belongs to adjacent properties but should be inspected to ensure that there are no defects that could present a danger to users of the playing field. Any significant defects should be recorded and reported to the property owner as soon as possible. Warning signs should be erected and the area taped off if a significant danger exists, until the defect is rectified.

2. GROUND STABILITY

Contractors should carry out their own risk assessment prior to entering onto the Field with vehicles. The ground is predominately clay near the surface and can be very slippery when the grass surface is broken.

3. FOOTPATHS

All paths within the site should be checked visually, on a regular basis, for tripping hazards and potholes. Any problems should be noted and reported and warning signs erected/people excluded until the defect has been rectified.

4. EQUIPMENT

Inspections should be programmed to match the type of equipment. Any defects should be noted, reported and repaired. Warning signs should be erected and equipment prevented from use until rectified.

5. FURNITURE

Any defects to the seats or waste bins should be reported and repaired. It may be necessary to remove seats if they cannot be repaired. Warning signs should be erected and equipment prevented from use until rectified.

6. CCTV EQUIPMENT

Not applicable.

7. TREE PRUNING/GRASS CUTTING/REPAIRS TO EQUIPMENT

All such work carried out will be undertaken by experienced contractors. It is essential that contractors carry out their own risk assessment prior to commencing any work required by the Parish Council.

8. DISABLED ACCESS

The Parish Council has gates with wheelchair access and hard surface paths through the field. Any defects should be reported and repaired. The disabled access gates with wheelchair access are left permanently open.

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RISK ASSESSMENT

Hazard	Risk	At Risk	Controls
Slipping on: paths grass other surfaces	Trips/Falls, Sprains, Broken Wrists, grazes, head trauma.	All Users	Regular Path Inspections / closure of field
Injury from broken glass	Cuts, Lacerations/scars/infection.	Children & Dogs	Regular Removal
Condition of Boundary Fencing	Crushing	Children	Regular Inspections
Falling from Height	Falling - Limb injuries, head trauma, spinal injury.	Children	Equipment to current regulations, safety surfaces, barriers.
Impact with equipment	Bodily injury	Children / Carers	Demarcation Zones to equipment
Injury from third party activities (cricket/golf etc.)	- fingers, limbs, head, bones, chest (fence	All Users	Notify of prohibited activities
Dog related issues: bites fouling	Bites - Infection, scaring	All Users	Display Guidelines for use
Equipment Failure	Bodily injury	Children / Carers	Regular Inspections & maintenance
Vandalism	Bodily injury	Children	Restrict Access
Unauthorised Activities	Bodily injury	All Users	Ensure User Awareness
Vehicles/Machinery	Bodily injury	All Users	Not Allowed
Motorbikes/Quad Bikes	Bodily injury	All Users	Regular checks on field / equip
Impaling/hanging	Bodily injury	Children	Safety Notice / Inspection/clean
Contact with discarded needles	Infection	Children	Protect from miss use
Fire (bonfire/arson)	Burns - Face, body scaring	All Users	Regular inspection of gates
Finger Trapping in Gates	Crushing of hands/fingers	Children	Visual Demarcation
Egress onto Pavement/Road	Impact with vehicles	Children	Restrict Activities/contractors
Flying Objects (models etc.)	Bodily Injury	All Users	
Bullying/entrapment	Physical/Mental Abuse	Children	Open Space, multi escape routes