



Ferriman Road Play Park Risk Assessment

Date of Assessment:	15/05/2025
Date of Re-Assessment	15/05/2026

Persons involved in Assessment: Councillors of Spaldwick Parish Council, Sarah Cardwell (Parish Council Clerk)

Advisor: Mark Cardwell (CMIOSH)

Description of Hazard and Risk	Nature of Harm Groups Effectuated	Existing Control Measures	L x S	Additional Controls	L x S
			Level of Risk		Residual Level of Risk
Slips, trips, and falls e.g. uneven surface	Users of the play park may suffer injuries such as fractures or bruising if they slip/trip on uneven surfaces or fall from the bench	- Safety surface maintained - Visual inspection of structure completed weekly by Council and annually by external provider. - Site adequately maintained, e.g. contractor engaged to cut grass, trim hedges etc. - Grass cutting arrangements in place - Young children supervised - Bench suitably anchored to the ground	1 X 4 Tolerable	- Check whether grit bin nearby for icy conditions - Grass to be cleared from around edges of the wetpour	1 X 4 Tolerable
Ride on Vehicle movement	Pedestrians could suffer serious injury if struck by bikes, scooters or any other ride on vehicles		1 X 3 Minor	- Riders must dismount before entering the play area - Ride on vehicles prohibited in play area	1 X 3 Minor
Entrance Gate	Pedestrians (Adults or children) could suffer injury if struck by the gate	- Gate adequately maintained - Rubber buffers fitted at opening and hinge end to prevent finger entrapment. - Self-closing spring to ensure gate is not left open. - Young children required to be accompanied by an adult.	1 X 3 Minor		1 X 3 Minor
Waste including dog dirt	Risk to health if rubbish is not disposed of.	- Rubbish to be taken home by users - Signage in place - Dogs prohibited from the play area - Weekly visual inspection carried out	1 X 4 Tolerable		1 X 4 Tolerable
Security	Park at risk of being vandalised if security arrangements are not in place	Site is in open location, in view of housing	1 X 3 Minor		1 X 3 Minor
Violence and Aggression	Users could be injured if a confrontation broke out. Unwanted visitors could visit the park. Risk of arson	- Site is in open location, in view of housing - Alcohol and drugs prohibited from area	1 X 3 Minor	CCTV to be considered	1 X 3 Minor
Equipment to include:	Personal injury Risk to third party, property, or individuals	- Equipment maintained annually by external company - Weekly visual inspections carried out by lead councillor	1 X 5		1 X 5

Spring Cat Cradle Swing Flat Swing Seesaw Climbing Frame	Entrapment or falling off equipment and severely injuring themselves	- Formal monthly inspection documented by lead councillor - Equipment in good condition. - Set in grass and safety surface for soft landing - Young children to be accompanied by adult.	Tolerable		Tolerable
Covid-19	All users could be exposed to Covid-19 which could potentially be fatal	- Guidance taken from government and PHE - Young children to be accompanied by an adult - Signage in place	1 X 5 Tolerable		1 X 5 Tolerable
Contractors	Contractors could be injured if working with unknown risks or in an unsafe manner during maintenance works	Go on recommendations	3 X 4 Moderate	- Check and approve contractors RAMS and competencies prior to works starting - Check relevant insurances are in place before using the contractor - Only use contractors which have safety passports e.g. safe contractor etc.	1 X 4 Tolerable
Inclement weather including sun exposure and heavy rain	Risk from sun and heat, leading to dehydration, sun burn. Risk of pneumonia if wet and cold	- Young children to be accompanied by adult. - Responsible adults to act accordingly depending on the weather, e.g. umbrella, sun cream, hat etc.	1 X 2 Minor		1 X 2 Minor

Key Likelihood 1 = Very Unlikely 2 = Unlikely 3 = Likely 4 = Increased likelihood 5 = Very likely.
Severity 1 = Slight injury/damage 2 = Minor injury/damage 3 = Moderate injury/damage 4 = Serious injury/damage 5 = Major injury/fatality/damage

Level of Risk

1 – 3 MINOR RISK	4 – 6 TOLERABLE RISK	8 – 12 MODERATE RISK	15 – 25 HIGH RISK
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IF THE RISK IS DEEMED TOO HIGH THEN ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

Risk Treatment Plan

Hazard Ref:	Action Required:	Owner	Target Completion Date:	Status: (RAG)
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Violence and Aggression	Consider purchasing CCTV for the area	Council		
Contractors	Check and approve contractors RAMS and competencies prior to works starting	Council		
Contractors	Check relevant insurances are in place before using the contractor	Council		
Contractors	Only use contractors which have safety passports e.g. safe contractor etc.	Council		