

Risk assessment – Marden Playing Field

All employers must conduct a risk assessment. If you have fewer than five employees you don't have to write anything down.

Company name: **MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Date of risk assessment: **February 2023**

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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Controls	Action by who?
Defective footpaths and open space	Employees and public may be injured if they trip or slip on paths/open space	Regular inspections for safety defects (eg pot holes) and repairs undertaken asap. Caretakers litter pick at least twice a week and pick up any glass and other objects. If reported by public caretakers are contacted to deal with the items. Any unauthorised vehicular use is monitored and reported to Police – can be viewed by CCTV (see CCTV Policy)	Continual litter picking and checking for defects in footpaths Caretaker to ensure that goal post holes are covered	Caretakers Caretaker
Litter Bins	Employees and public may suffer cuts or infection	Bins emptied at least twice a week and more often if reported full. Bins are inspected regularly by grounds maintenance staff for sharp edges, doors missing etc.	Regular emptying and monitoring	Caretakers
Fencing	Employees and public may suffer cuts	Fences inspected regularly and repairs undertaken asap	Regular monitoring	Caretakers
Mowing and Strimming – Machine and manual handling hazards	Employees – manual handling/machine hazards Public – stones/other objects being thrown up by mower or strimmer	Mowing and strimming currently undertaken by caretaker/contractor (see individual risk assessment). Any mowing and strimming not to be undertaken when public in vicinity Correct PPE to be used	Grass to be checked for objects/glass prior to mowing/strimming. Ongoing checks to ensure PPE is being used correctly	Caretaker Clerk
Seating – benches	Employees and public – may suffer injury if damage to bench or collapses	Inspected regularly Repairs undertaken asap or bench removed if beyond repair. Seating secured to the ground to minimise vandalism.		Caretaker

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Dog Fouling	Employees and public – suffer from infection and ill-health	Co-mingled bins provided for disposal of dog waste and a station provided for dog bags. MBC signage erected “No Dogs” sign erected on play area fencing Dog Warden/Community Warden patrol area	Continual problem with dog fouling – articles regularly placed in parish newsletter	Caretaker Dog Warden Community Warden
Gates	Employees and public may suffer from trapped fingers	Gates and closures inspected regularly Repairs made asap	Regularly monitored	Caretakers
Vegetation	Employees and public – poisoning, cuts	Caretaker ensures no poisonous/hazardous plants are growing in area All vegetation cut back regularly	Regular monitoring	Caretakers
Changing Rooms	Employees Public	Inspected regularly internally and externally by caretaker. Inspected six-monthly by members of the Amenities Committee at site meeting Any defects are repaired asap	Continue to monitor	Caretaker MMFC Councillors
Trees	Employees and public – injury from overhanging branches, falling trees, roots	3 yearly Tree Audit undertaken in July 2021. Work to be evaluated and undertaken by tree surgeon. Caretaker checks/monitors trees on a regular basis and after high winds. Six monthly visual tree check by volunteer Tree Warden Takes immediate action if urgent or reports for further instruction from Clerk/Council if not.	Undertake a tree audit every three years or in accordance with advice from Tree Consultant. Continue to monitor monthly and after high winds	Caretaker