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Outside Risk Assessment



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Analysing the risk

To help analyse risk, Crediton Congregational Church uses a matrix scoring system. Numerical scores are given to the severity and likelihood of risks and these scores are multiplied to get a rating for the risk. This means the risk rating is a measure of the likelihood that harm from a particular hazard will occur, considering the possible severity of such an occurrence.

$$\text{Risk} = \text{Severity} \times \text{Likelihood}$$

For the initial risk evaluation, consider the risks identified as the worst-case scenario before any controls are applied, then evaluate the risk when control measures are implemented.

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			FREQUENCY (Environment and Safety)				
CONSEQUENCES	Environment	Safety	Likely 5 Occurs repeatedly, Event expected	Probable 4 Not surprising, will occur several times	Possible 3 Could occur at some time	Remote 2 Unlikely to occur, although conceivable	Improbable 1 So unlikely that probability is close to zero
	Catastrophic 5 National importance, major breach of legislation	Multiple Fatal 5 More than one fatality	25	20	15	10	5
	Very Serious 4 Significant effects, serious breach of legislation	Fatal 4 One fatality	20	16	12	8	4
	Major 3 Significant effects, contained within site	Major Injury 3 RIDDOR notifiable, major injury or over 7 days absence	15	12	9	6	3
	Moderate 2 Effects contained mainly on site, likely to be short lived	Minor Injury 2 Any lost time injury with up to 3 days absence	10	8	6	4	1
	Minor 1 Small to negligible effects	V. Minor Injury 1 Any injury without any significant lost time	5	4	3	2	1

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Slips and Trips; · Variations in the level of floors (for example, ramps, steps) · Adverse weather effects (for example, mud, rainwater, etc.) · Ice on front steps and on footpaths and car park · Courtyard and parts of the garden are uneven and have hard surfaces	Impalement/cuts; Catastrophic bleed, Graze, Minor Bleeds Musculo-skeletal; Paralysis Head Injury; Concussion Skull fracture Hematoma	Staff, Volunteers, Congregation, Visitors, Children	4	4	16	- During cold weather ensure footpaths, car park and steps are gritted - Parents/carers to remain responsible for children - Alternative access available without climbing stairs - Steps and pathways to be cleared and gritted if snowfall occurs	2	2	4

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Walls, Gates and Fences Damaged walls Damaged fences Overhanging trees and bushes	Impalement/cuts; Catastrophic bleed, Graze, Minor Bleeds Strains, sprains, Head Injury; Concussion Skull fracture Hematoma Musculoskeletal Paralysis	Staff, Volunteers, Congregation, Visitors, Children	4	4	16	Repair Stone Wall: Address the poor condition of the stone wall alongside Karis Hall/Belle View by repairing loose stonework and reinforcing the structure to ensure safety. Maintain Accessibility: Trim back overhanging bushes above the disabled access path to ensure clear passage and improve visibility. Regular Maintenance: Implement a routine maintenance schedule for the walls in the car park, garden, and front courtyard to keep them in good condition and prevent deterioration.	1	3	3

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Car Park/Courtyard Moving vehicles. Pedestrian access. Lighting. Front steps. Unsupervised children . Use by general public. Ice. Some parking spaces are accessed across the pedestrian pathway. Courtyard used for parking by general public, who may not be aware of other activities or the presence of children and other pedestrians. Vehicle pulling into a busy courtyard could lead to collisions and injury.	Impalement/cuts; Catastrophic bleed, Graze, Minor Bleeds Strains, sprains, Head Injury; Concussion Skull fracture Hematoma Musculoskeletal Paralysis	Staff, Volunteers, Congregation, Visitors, Children	4	4	16	Separate Access: Keep pedestrian and vehicle access separate. Reverse parking: Encourage reverse parking with clear signage. Raised Planters: Use raised planters as barriers between vehicles and pedestrians. Clear Markings: Clearly mark footpaths and parking spaces. Driver Awareness: Display signs reminding drivers to watch for children, especially when reversing. Event Safety: Use signs and barriers to close vehicle access during events. Parental Responsibility: Parents must supervise children in the area. Lighting: Install motion-sensitive lighting for low-light conditions. Winter Safety: Provide gritting salt for icy steps and paths. Extreme Weather: Staff should complete site-specific risk assessments during extreme weather to manage slip and trip risks.	1	3	3

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Volunteers own work equipment. Defective or poorly maintained power tools (for example, lawnmowers, strimmers, etc.) Defective or poorly maintained hand tools (for example, garden shears, hammers, etc.)	Impalement/cuts; Catastrophic bleed, Graze, Minor Bleeds Strains, sprains, Head Injury; Concussion Skull fracture Hematoma	Staff, Volunteers, Congregation, Visitors	4	4	16	All electrical equipment used on CCC premises to be annually PAT tested. All electrical equipment to use an RCD. All equipment to have checked under the guidance outlined in Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER). Volunteers to carry out a site-specific risk assessment before carrying out any specific task.	1	3	3
Child leaving the courtyard onto the High Street Lack of awareness Pedestrian and vehicle interface	Impalement/cuts; Catastrophic bleed, Graze, Minor Bleeds Strains, sprains, Head Injury; Concussion Skull fracture Hematoma Musculoskeletal Paralysis	Staff, Volunteers, Congregation, Visitors, Children	4	4	16	Parents/carers to remain responsible for children outside of pre-arranged activities. No activities to take place in the courtyard without appropriate levels of supervision and segregation from vehicle movements.	1	3	3

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Falling into the drainage channel at the foot of the garden	Impalement/cuts; Catastrophic bleed, Graze, Minor Bleeds Strains, sprains, Head Injury; Concussion Skull fracture Hematoma Musculoskeletal Paralysis	Staff, Volunteers, Congregation, Visitors, Children	4	4	16	Parents/carers; to remain responsible for children outside of pre-arranged activities. Supervision; Staff and volunteers to remain vigilant when children are near drainage channel at the foot of the garden. Fencing; Existing fencing should act as barrier, ensure gate is closed before any activities commence.	1	3	3

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Child leaving the garden onto Belle Court	Impalement/cuts; Catastrophic bleed, Graze, Minor Bleeds Strains, sprains, Head Injury; Concussion Skull fracture Hematoma Musculoskeletal Paralysis	Staff, Volunteers, Congregation, Visitors, Children	4	4	16	Gate installed at top of garden to prevent unauthorised access.	1	3	3

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Falling down steps around Manse garden area	Impalement/cuts; Catastrophic bleed, Graze, Minor Bleeds Strains, sprains, Head Injury; Concussion Skull fracture Hematoma Musculoskeletal; Paralysis	Staff, Volunteers, Congregation, Visitors, Children	4	4	16	Signage warning; that stairs are slippery when wet Steps; pressure-washed to remove slippery growth	1	3	3

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Acknowledgement

I acknowledge this risk assessment presented to me in this document. I am aware of the risks associated with these activity’s. I am aware of the consequences of my actions if I fail to follow the procedures set in place.

Name	Signature	Role	Date

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