



Risk Assessment (Outdoor Climbing Frames & Trim Trails)

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Description: Outdoor Climbing frames and Trim Trails equipment is used to create an exciting outdoor trail of activities for children to walk, climb, and more, to get along the Climbing frame/trail to the other side. It presents a fun challenge for children, giving them an opportunity to get active, build relationships, work on team building skills, and learn more about the world around them. ASM Sports UK Limited consider any Climbing Frame or Trim Trail is classed as Children's Play Equipment and can be used when at least 1 adult is actively supervising/assisting with the usage of the equipment. Leaders are responsible for reviewing and amending the risk assessment with considerations for their individual site and it is recommended that this be completed during a site visit and subsequently shared with the leadership Team.

Description	Who	When	Associated Hazard	Control Measures	Risk Rating (L/M/H) Likelihood Rating (1/2/3) 1 = Not very likely 2 = Medium Likelihood 3 = Very Likely	Managed by	In place (Y/N)

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Slips, trips and falls (including falls from height)	All participating Children	Those Actively using	Potential injury from falling from height	- Play equipment and the surrounding area to be inspected by competent people regularly. - Visual inspections to be carried out before children use the equipment. - ASM staff to supervise the pupils while on the equipment. - In inclement weather, the equipment should not be used. - Staff must enforce this rule	M/1	ASM Staff on Site	Y
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Trapped fingers/clothing etc.	All participating Children	Those Actively using	Potential injury from falling from height due to snagged clothing or trapped fingers	- Equipment is fitted by a competent person and inspected regularly. - Visual inspections to be carried out before use. - Children to be always supervised. - Children to wear appropriate clothing. - Any defects found with the equipment to be reported immediately. - Damaged parts to be repaired/replaced (when this cannot be done immediately, the equipment should be taken out of use) - ASM staff to supervise the pupils while on the equipment. - In inclement weather, the equipment should not be used. - Staff must enforce this rule	L/1	ASM Staff on Site	Y
Cleanliness of surrounding area causing potential	All participating Children	Those Actively using	Cuts, bruises, illness, injury	Visual inspection to be completed before equipment is used.	L/1	ASM Staff on Site	Y

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Cuts, bruises, illness, injury				- Foreign objects need to be cleared away immediately. - Site management staff to check the area in line with maintenance checks. - ASM staff to complete a dynamic risk assessment - Staff must enforce this rule			
Overstretching and falling, causing potential Sprains, strains, head injury	All participating Children	Those Actively using	Sprains, strains, head injury	- ASM staff to be advised that equipment is not suitable for children of pre-school age. - Warning signs may be required to remind leaders of height/age restriction. - All children to be supervised while on equipment - Staff must enforce this rule	L/1	ASM Staff on Site	Y
Wet weather	All participating Children	Those Actively using	Various physical injury	- If weather conditions are such that they make the equipment unsafe, the equipment should not be used. - Children to be supervised whilst on the equipment.	L/1	ASM Staff on Site	Y



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				- Children are encouraged to wear suitable and clean footwear before climbing on the equipment - Staff must enforce this rule			
Faulty damaged equipment	All participating Children	Those Actively using	Various degrees of potential physical injury	- Adult responsible for outdoor setting up to check area for damage to equipment. - Annual checks from installer/venue - Staff must enforce this rule	L/1	ASM Staff on Site	Y
Usage of equipment by those that require support due to reduced movement capabilities (IE to young or various SEND related gross motor skills movement issues)	Those matching needs described	Those Actively using	Various degrees of potential physical injury	- Children instructed on how to safely use area during induction period and reminded throughout the year. - Assistance from staff given to those children with poor gross motor difficulties to access equipment. - Constant supervision of area - Staff must enforce this rule.	L/1	ASM Staff on Site	Y
Jumping From the 1 st floor surface	All participating Children	Those Actively using	Various degrees of potential physical injury	Supervised area that is monitored by staff when	M/1	ASM Staff on Site	Y

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				children are accessing equipment • Staff to instruct children not to jump from 1st floor and access the steps or ladders • Staff must enforce this rule			
Children walking up the slide and having unsupervised access	All participating Children	Those Actively using	Various degrees of potential physical injury	• All children to come down the slide and not up. • Staff must enforce this rule • Equipment must not be used/accessed when staff are not directly supervising • Staff must enforce this rule	L/1	ASM Staff on Site	Y
Overcrowding	All participating Children	Those Actively using	Various degrees of potential physical injury	• Staff to monitor child numbers and restrict access on to the equipment • Staff must enforce this rule	L/1	ASM Staff on Site	Y
Travelling over the top of tunnels/raised areas	All participating Children	Those Actively using		• Children will not access the top of tunnels/raised areas. Staff to enforce this rule.	L/1	ASM Staff on Site	Y
Failing from the top bars or any elevated parts of the equipment	All participating Children	Those Actively using		• No children should have any body part above any top horizontal bar bars or	L/1	ASM Staff on Site	Y

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				any elevated parts of the equipment. Staff must enforce this rule			
Safeguarding and child protection	ASM staff/participants	Before and during activity	Safeguarding concern, abuse, neglect, child-on-child abuse, harassment or inappropriate staff conduct	All ASM staff/volunteers/contractors working with children must follow ASM and the host school's safeguarding arrangements and know how to contact the DSL/deputy. Concerns must be reported without delay, including low-level concerns and concerns about staff/contractors. Staff must maintain professional boundaries, appropriate supervision and safe collection arrangements. Child-on-child abuse, discriminatory/derogatory behaviour, sexual harassment/violence and serious violence are safeguarding matters and must be acted upon in line with the safeguarding procedure.	M/1	ASM Sports Health and Safety Leader / Managing Director / Lead Coach in liaison with host school	Y
Staff competence, safer recruitment and DBS	ASM Staff/Volunteers/Contractors	Before deployment and during activity	Inappropriate or insufficiently competent person working with children	Staff must be appropriately trained, competent and briefed for the activity and age group. DBS eligibility/check requirements must be determined before deployment in accordance with current KCSIE 2026/DBS rules and the school's/ASM safer recruitment	M/1	ASM Sports Health and Safety Leader / Managing Director / Lead Coach in liaison	Y

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				arrangements. Staff must complete required safeguarding and activity-specific training and understand their responsibilities. Where a role is regulated activity, required checks must be completed before the person starts that regulated work.		with host school	
Medical needs, allergies, medication and SEND	ASM Staff/Participants	Before and during activity	Medical emergency, deterioration of condition, allergic reaction, exclusion or unsafe participation	Obtain and use relevant medical, allergy, dietary, medication and SEND information through the school's/ASM agreed secure process. Follow individual healthcare plans and emergency medication arrangements. Staff must know how to respond to asthma, anaphylaxis, diabetes, epilepsy and other disclosed conditions relevant to the activity. Make reasonable adjustments and adapt equipment, space, instructions, intensity or participation where reasonably practicable; do not impose blanket restrictions solely because a child has SEND or a disability. Carry out an individual dynamic risk assessment where needs create activity-specific risks.	H/1	ASM Sports Health and Safety Leader / Managing Director / Lead Coach in liaison with host school	Y
First aid, emergency	ASM Staff/Participants/Visitors	During activity and following incident	Injury, illness, delayed emergency response or failure to learn from an incident	A suitable first-aid needs assessment must be in place for the setting/activity, including	H/1	ASM Sports Health and Safety Leader	Y

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response and incident reporting				consideration of children and other non-employees. A suitably trained first aider/appointed person and appropriate first-aid equipment must be available as determined by the assessment. Staff must know the emergency address/location, access route, telephone arrangements and evacuation procedure. Record accidents, near misses and safeguarding incidents through the appropriate ASM/school system; assess every incident for RIDDOR reporting and notify the school/parent/carer as required by the relevant procedure.		/ Managing Director / Lead Coach in liaison with host school	
Information security, photography and media	ASM Staff/Participants	Before and during activity	Data breach, inappropriate image use or disclosure of personal/safeguarding information	Use only approved ASM/school systems and devices for personal information and images. Collect and share the minimum information necessary. Check the applicable photography/media permissions and restrictions before taking or publishing images; do not use personal devices unless specifically authorised. Safeguarding information must be shared promptly where necessary to protect a child, while records remain secure and access is limited to those who need it. Follow ASM privacy/data-	M/1	ASM Sports Health and Safety Leader / Managing Director / Lead Coach in liaison with host school	Y



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				protection procedures and the host school's requirements.			
Illness, infection prevention and hygiene	ASM Staff/Participants	Before and during activity	Spread of infection or participation while unwell	Follow current public-health advice and the host school's infection-control arrangements rather than obsolete COVID-specific measures. Encourage appropriate hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene and routine cleaning of high-touch/shared equipment. Do not require a child or staff member who is acutely unwell to participate; follow the setting's arrangements for supervision, isolation where appropriate and collection/medical advice. Cleaning products must be stored and used safely and in accordance with COSHH requirements where applicable.	L/1	ASM Sports Health and Safety Leader / Managing Director / Lead Coach in liaison with host school	Y
Play equipment inspection and competent supervision	ASM Staff/Participants	Before and during activity	Fall from height, entrapment, equipment failure	Complete and record a pre-use visual inspection and ensure the host site's competent inspection/maintenance arrangements are current. Follow manufacturer/site age, height and capacity limits. One or more competent adults must supervise actively, with positioning that allows immediate intervention. Defective equipment or unsafe areas must be taken out of use and reported.	H/1	ASM Sports Health and Safety Leader / Managing Director / Lead Coach in liaison with host school	Y

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Site-specific dynamic assessment and capacity	ASM Staff/Participants	Before and during activity	Overcrowding, inappropriate challenge, weather or site-specific hazards	The generic assessment must be supplemented by a site visit/dynamic assessment. Consider age, ability, SEND/medical needs, numbers, equipment layout, fall zones, surfaces, weather and escape routes. Set a maximum safe number on each element based on the equipment/site guidance; do not rely on a generic one-adult/whole-group assumption where closer supervision is needed.	H/1	ASM Sports Health and Safety Leader / Managing Director / Lead Coach in liaison with host school	Y
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2026 compliance basis: Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974; Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999; RIDDOR 2013; Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations 1981; PUWER 1998 where work equipment applies; Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992 where applicable; PPE at Work Regulations 1992 (as amended) where applicable; Equality Act 2010 and reasonable-adjustment duties; Children Act 1989/section 175 Education Act 2002 and KCSIE 2026 where applicable; Working Together to Safeguard Children 2026; Data Protection Act 2018, UK GDPR and Data (Use and Access) Act 2025; and afPE Safe Practice in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity (2024 edition/current online guidance). Local school/site safeguarding, emergency, medical, fire and premises procedures also apply. This generic assessment must be supplemented by a site-specific dynamic risk assessment before delivery.

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