



Midsomer Norton Town Council

Risk Assessment Form – Open Spaces and Parks - General

Activity: Open Spaces and Parks - General		Assessment Date: October 2024	Review Date: October 2025		
Hazard	Persons Affected and Risk	Controls	Risk Score	Further Controls	Risk Level
Open Space – potholes in grass	Employee/Operative General Public Personal injury	Grass area inspected when cut and results recorded. Holes backfilled.	Medium	Appropriate equipment provided. Safe System of Work. Signage to warn of uneven ground. Implement a reporting system for visitors to report potholes.	Low
Trees – collapse, structural damage	Employee/Operative General Public Personal injury	Regular tree health assessments, pruning of weak branches, removal of dead trees. Records of inspections are kept. Annual programme of tree maintenance in place. Council responds to complaints from employees and public if concern raised about tree condition.	High	Appropriate equipment provided. Safe System of Work. Trees inspected regularly by arboriculturalist.	Medium

<p>Fixed furniture – eg benches</p>	<p>Employee/Operative General Public Personal injury</p>	<p>Benches are bolted to the ground. Dog bins inspected and emptied weekly, unless more frequent emptying is requested. Litter bins emptied and inspected regularly. Any damage/vandalism formally reported and repaired.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Appropriate equipment provided. Use of more durable materials for fixed furniture. Increase frequency of maintenance checks.</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p>Water – pond, river</p>	<p>Employee/Operative General Public Personal injury – drowning, ill health</p>	<p>Embankments are cut back regularly so that edge is clearly visible. Public don't access for recreational use.</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Consider the installation of safety barriers, and the provision of life-saving equipment nearby.</p>	<p>Medium</p>
<p>Footpaths</p>	<p>Employee/Operative General Public Personal injury - trips, slips, falls</p>	<p>Paths checked regularly for signs of damage. No vehicles permitted. Leaf clearance carried out regularly. Grass growing over path edging cut back regularly. Moss on footpaths is cleared regularly. Defects to footpath are repaired as soon as practical.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Use of more durable materials for repairs. Increase frequency of inspections</p>	<p>Low</p>

		Damage to footpaths, caused by tree roots, monitored and actioned where damage is likely to pose trip hazard.			
Lone Working – violence, accident	Employee/Operative General Public Personal injury	See Lone Working Risk Assessment.	High		Medium
Use of Drugs	Employee/Operative General Public Personal Injury – contact with drugs, needles, bodily fluids	Employees advised of safe working procedure to deal with sharps and have suitable safety equipment. Prompt response to complaints of sharps by public. Police advised of problems when they arise.	High	Clear signage indicating prohibited activities. Community engagement programs. Install CCTV cameras in strategic locations to monitor and deter drug use.	Medium
Sexual Activities	Employee/Operative General Public Personal Injury – contact with bodily fluids	Contractors/employees aware of problem and provided with suitable protective clothing. Police advised of the problem. Signs displayed in area 'This area is monitored'.	High	Install CCTV cameras in strategic locations to monitor and deter inappropriate activities. Collaborate with local organizations to provide education and support on sexual health and appropriate public behaviour.	Medium
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