

Risk Benefit Assessment for Arts and Crafts

Benefit of Experience:

1. Sharing skills with children and young people
2. Creative experience for children
3. Therapeutic, rewarding and opportunity for self expression
4. Individual / groups activity.
5. Communication skills, negotiation skills and teamwork.
6. arts and crafts encourage specific play types, (EG creative play).
7. Staff ensure activity is inclusive and all can join in ensuring that all are able to make a positive contribution.

| Steps | Hazard / Risk | Risk Rating (Likely hood x Severity) | Action to Control Risk | Revised Risk Rating | Responsible person |
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| Select appropriate area to take place. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trip hazards / slippy surface enabling child to fall. | Medium | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the area selected is free of trip hazards and has been ground checked prior to commencing. | Low | Play Worker |
| Provide wide range of materials which offer creative opportunities. A theme may be required for children who struggle with a “starting point”. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children cutting their fingers on scissors • Children putting crayons up their nose • Ink Poisoning • Glue in eyes / nose / ears | Medium | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety talks prior to activity. • Appropriate supervision. • First aid kit and first Aider present • It may be necessary to have some items provided only when needed, (EG Scissors / glue gun). • play staff ensure that materials used are safe for use by children prior to setting up. | Low | Play Worker |
| Junk modelling could have risks attached | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharp items, dirty items spreading contamination. • Suffocation | Medium | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manager to “pick” junk which is safe for use at the adventure playground. • All junk to be inspected prior to use. Items may need removing or cleaning. • Staff to ensure no sharp or dangerous items are used. • Appropriate supervision in place. | Low | Playworker |