

Risky business



Risk assessment (suggested 1 lesson)

Here are some of the key points to consider, but you will, of course, have to follow your school's or local authority's risk assessment procedures.

Activity	Hazard	Controls	Remaining risk
Clearing the site	Cuts; an over-grown site may have concealed dangers such as broken glass or tin cans	1st Aid box needed on site. All cuts, grazes to be covered	Low/medium
	Stings from nettles or brambles	Use of gardening gloves, wellies	Low/medium
	Use of electrical strimmer or rotivator	Adult use only	Low
Attending to plants	Weather conditions	Gazebo, sun hat and cream. Wet weather coat and shoes	Low
	Cuts, grazes from trips and falls	Grit boards and paths	Low
	Anaphylactic shock from animal sting, bite	Pupil medical forms and emergency contact details available	Low
	Use of tools	No tools above waist height. Purchase child sized versions	Low
Water Use	Hose pipe	Ensure hose is long enough to remain on the ground during use	Low/medium
	Water butt	Lockable lid. Not used without supervision.	Low
	Water tap	Non-return valve fitted. Clear sign for drinking/not drinking water	Low
	Carrying	Small watering cans to avoid overloading	Low
Compost	Compostable materials	No plastics, batteries or chemicals to be added	Low
	Vermin	Look out for evidence eg droppings, bite marks	Low/medium
Chemicals	Pesticides, insecticides, plant food, etc	Store in a locked shed or cupboard. Only adult use	Low

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All pupils will: Learn what a risk is and be able to describe some risks.

Most pupils will: Understand that risk is a normal part of our lives and explain that we can minimise these effects.

A few pupils will: Analyse that risk is enjoyed by many people; some people's fear of risk is greater than others eg bungee jumping.

Pupil Activity	Learning outcome	Teacher input
List 5 risky things to do e.g flying a plane	Think about risk in everyday life	Define risk, give pupils perspective e.g “How many of you came to school by car?” travelling by plane is much safer than car
Think of risks on an allotment	Understanding your environment and how to manage it. Taking ownership of the allotment and others safety.	“Snowball” risks, what might happen if that accident were to happen and how it could be avoided. Devise rules for the allotment.
Design a Health and Safety poster	Consolidate ideas to remember them	

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