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Annual Inspection

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Risk Assessment Matrix

Probability>>

5	Very High	VL	L	M	H	VH
4	High	VL	L	M	H	H
3	Moderate	VL	L	L	M	M
2	Low	VL	L	L	L	L
1	Very Low	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL
		Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High
		1	2	3	4	5

Severity>>

Probability Score	Probability of Occurrence
1 – Very Low	No significant probability; lightning Strike
2 – Low	Minimal probability of occurrence. Requires significant factor or combination of factors to take place. Significant increase in intensity of use.
3 – Moderate	Moderate probability. An added factor is needed to cause an accident. Designed use is unlikely to be problematic, additional factor is required. Covers or guards loose, removed or vandalised. Absent guard rail or barrier at high levels
4 – High	High probability. Accident is probable without any added factor. Glass contaminant in loose fill surface. Exposed sharp edges on equipment.
5 – Very High	Very High probability. If the situation is not addressed an accident is almost certain. Severely worn chains/shackles. Severely damaged surfacing within impact area

Severity Score	Severity of injury
1 – Very Low	No injury likely e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising
2 – Low	Minor injury – Laceration or bruising requiring first aid only
3 – Moderate	Injury requiring medical intervention e.g. laceration requiring stitches, sprain, fracture of small bones of hand or foot.
4 – High	Serious injury including hospitalisation for observation e.g. concussion, fracture of long bones of leg/arm, back/neck injuries, fractured skull.
5 – Very High	Severe injury involving the potential for permanent disability e.g. amputation, loss of sight, spinal injury, fatality.

NB: When we inspect we only see a snapshot of the current condition of the equipment. It is the operator's responsibility to ensure that there is a continuing level of maintenance to keep the equipment in good working order and the site fit for use.

BS EN 1176:2008 Parts 1-11 (Playground equipment and surfacing)
BS EN 14974 (Facilities for users of roller sports equipment)
BS EN 15312 (Free access multi-sports equipment)
BS 10075 (Specification for Parkour Equipment)

Site Information

Inspection Ref: 613983

Site Ref: 40452

Customer Order No: None

Annual Inspection - 02 July 2018 at 14:19 Inspector: Matt Hall RPII Annual Inspector (Outdoor)

Risk Assessment: **8 - Low Risk**



Location: The site is located in an area of public open space and is not directly overlooked by any properties in the local community.

Disabled Access: Severely limited access – an area that presents serious barriers to disabled people, even when skilled help is at hand.



6 - Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Gate - Self Closing
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: Grass
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 2



Finding 1

The rubber buffer is missing from the latch plate - Replace rubber buffer

Finding 2

The gate is closing too quickly (less than 4 seconds) - Take corrective action to ensure that the gate closes in 4-8 seconds



4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Sign
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: N/A
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required



4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Fence - Bow Top
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: N/A
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required



4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Bench
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: Grass
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required



6 - Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Litter Bin
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: N/A
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

The liner of the litter bin is not secured - Ensure the lid/door is kept locked and the liner secured



8 - Low Risk

Item: Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Rubber Tiles
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: No
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 5



Finding 1

The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176 - Monitor use

Finding 2

There is some notable evidence of chain wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

Finding 3

There is surface corrosion present on the item - Consider treating and repainting the item

Finding 4

There are gaps opening in between the tiles - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

Finding 5

There is algae or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions - Clean and treat appropriately



8 - Low Risk

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Horse
Manufacturer: Ledon
Surface Type: Wet Pour
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 4



Finding 1

There is algae or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions - Clean and treat appropriately

Finding 2

The safety surface under or around this unit has been damaged - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

Finding 3

The end of handgrips and/or footrests have a cross section of less than 15cm² and fail to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 6 - This is a relatively low risk failure and no remedial action is recommended

Finding 4

The paintwork on the spring has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting - Treat any rusting components and repaint



8 - Low Risk

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Elephant
Manufacturer: Ledon
Surface Type: Wet Pour
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 7



Finding 1

There are gaps opening between the surfacing and the edging surround or between the joints in the surfacing - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

Finding 2

There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface - Reinstate surrounding surface levels to remove the trip points

Finding 3

The surface is lifting at the edges and creating trip points - Repair perimeter of surfacing to remove trip points

Finding 4

There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item - Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers

Finding 5

The safety surface under or around this unit has been damaged - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

Finding 6

The paintwork on the spring has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting - Treat any rusting components and repaint

Finding 7

There is algae or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions - Clean and treat appropriately



8 - Low Risk

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Wet Pour
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 6



Finding 1

There is algae or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions - Clean and treat appropriately

Finding 2

There are gaps opening between the surfacing and the edging surround or between the joints in the surfacing - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

Finding 3

There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface - Reinstate surrounding surface levels to remove the trip points

Finding 4

The surface is lifting at the edges and creating trip points - Repair perimeter of surfacing to remove trip points

Finding 5

This item has no slide bar fitted as required by BS EN 1176 Part 3 - Monitor use

Finding 6

The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176:2008 Part 1 4.2.7.2 head and neck entrapment in the barriers and/or steps - Monitor use



6 - Low Risk



Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: N/A
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1





Finding 1

There are hostile bushes growing into the play area - Cut back foliage

Findings Information

6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)			
Item:	Ancillary Items - Gate - Self Closing	Risk Level:	L - Low Risk
Manufacturer:	Owner/Operator	Surface:	Grass
			
Finding:	The rubber buffer is missing from the latch plate		Action: Replace rubber buffer

6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)			
Item:	Ancillary Items - Gate - Self Closing	Risk Level:	L - Low Risk
Manufacturer:	Owner/Operator	Surface:	Grass
			
Finding:	The gate is closing too quickly (less than 4 seconds)		Action: Take corrective action to ensure that the gate closes in 4-8 seconds



6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Litter Bin
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: N/A



Finding: The liner of the litter bin is not secured

Action: Ensure the lid/door is kept locked and the liner secured



5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles



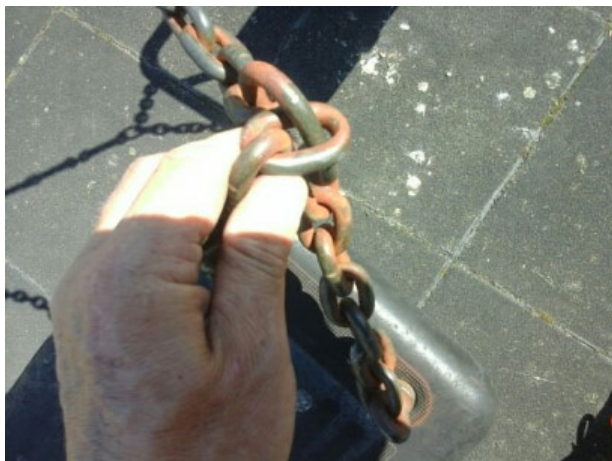
Finding: The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176

Action: Monitor use



6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles

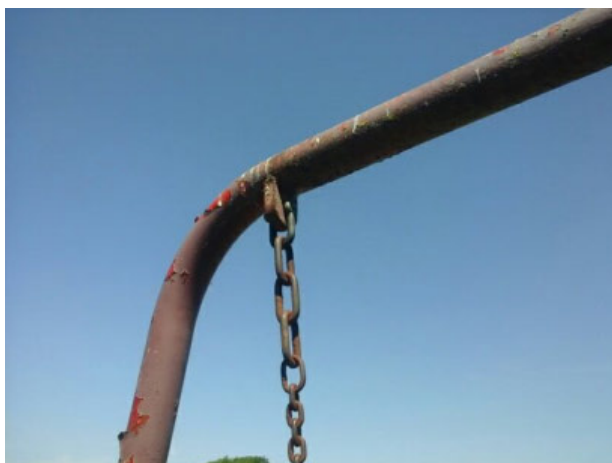


Finding: There is some notable evidence of chain wear
Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn



6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles

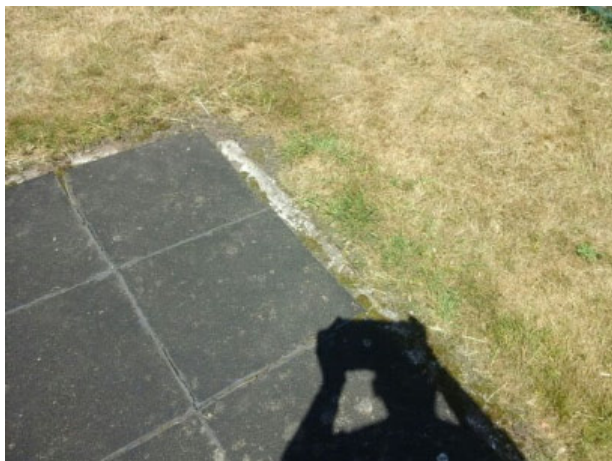


Finding: There is surface corrosion present on the item
Action: Consider treating and repainting the item



6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: There are gaps opening in between the tiles
Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required



8 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: There is algae or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions
Action: Clean and treat appropriately



8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Horse
Manufacturer: Ledon

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There is algae or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions
Action: Clean and treat appropriately



4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Horse
Manufacturer: Ledon

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The safety surface under or around this unit has been damaged
Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required



4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Horse
Manufacturer: Ledon

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The end of handgrips and/or footrests have a cross section of less than 15cm² and fail to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 6

Action: This is a relatively low risk failure and no remedial action is recommended



6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Horse
Manufacturer: Ledon

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The paintwork on the spring has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting

Action: Treat any rusting components and repaint



6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Elephant
Manufacturer: Ledon

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There are gaps opening between the surfacing and the edging surround or between the joints in the surfacing

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required



8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Elephant
Manufacturer: Ledon

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface

Action: Reinstate surrounding surface levels to remove the trip points



8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Elephant
Manufacturer: Ledon

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The surface is lifting at the edges and creating trip points

Action: Repair perimeter of surfacing to remove trip points



6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Elephant
Manufacturer: Ledon

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item

Action: Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers



4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Elephant
Manufacturer: Ledon

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The safety surface under or around this unit has been damaged

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required



6 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Elephant
Manufacturer: Ledon

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The paintwork on the spring has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting

Action: Treat any rusting components and repaint



8 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Elephant
Manufacturer: Ledon

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There is algae or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions

Action: Clean and treat appropriately



8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



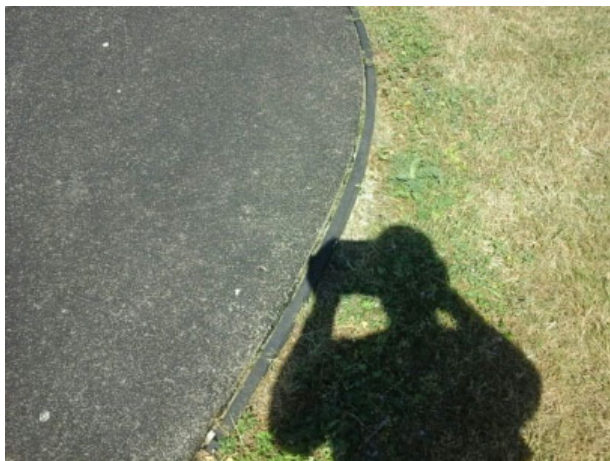
Finding: There is algae or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions
Action: Clean and treat appropriately



6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There are gaps opening between the surfacing and the edging surround or between the joints in the surfacing

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required



8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface

Action: Reinstate surrounding surface levels to remove the trip points



8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The surface is lifting at the edges and creating trip points

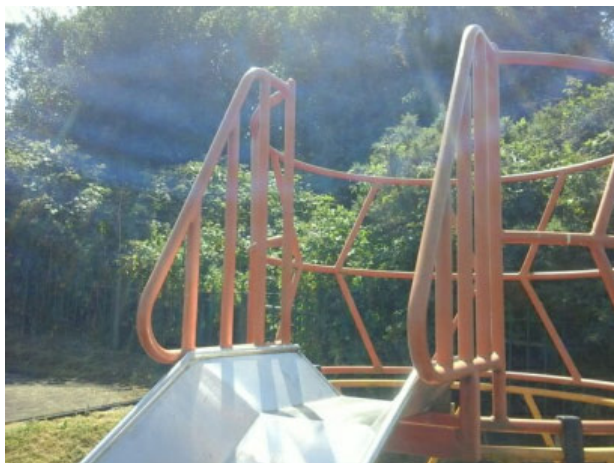
Action: Repair perimeter of surfacing to remove trip points



8 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: This item has no slide bar fitted as required by BS EN 1176 Part 3

Action: Monitor use



5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 6)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176:2008 Part 1 4.2.7.2 head and neck entrapment in the barriers and/or steps

Action: Monitor use



6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General

Risk Level: L - Low Risk

Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Surface: N/A



Finding: There are hostile bushes growing into the play area

Action: Cut back foliage