



# PONDS RISK ASSESSMENT

Establishment:	Assessment by:	Date:
Review Date:	Approved by:	Date:

Hazard / Risk:	Who is at Risk?	Normal Control Measures: <i>(Brief description and/or reference to source of information).</i>	Additional Control Measures: <i>(to take account of local/individual circumstances).</i>	Risk Rating: <b>(H/M/L)</b>
<b>Drowning</b>	Young children (Particularly under-fives), Children with special needs Visitors	<p><b>Design:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edges of the pond clearly visible.</li> <li>• Deeper zone positioned away from the edges where access is not possible.</li> <li>• The depth should be kept as shallow as possible.</li> <li>• Pond regularly maintained to ensure that the perimeter does not become obscured and that the area around the pond does not deteriorate.</li> <li>• Slip / tripping hazards eliminated from the surrounding area. Edges that are open for access for pond dipping should be gently sloping, or flat and well defined.</li> <li>• For smaller ponds, steel, rigid mesh fixed over the top of the pond (must be firmly secured and regularly checked for signs of deterioration).</li> <li>• Appropriate warning signs posted where applicable ('No unaccompanied children', 'deep water' etc.)</li> </ul>		

<p><b>Hygiene</b></p> <p><i>Infection Weils disease Poisoning (blue-green algae)</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adequate provision for hand washing is readily available.</li> <li>• Provide paper towels rather than communal hand towels.</li> <li>• Do not allow children to touch any part of their face with their hands before hands are washed.</li> <li>• All wounds on exposed skin are suitably covered.</li> <li>• No eating in the pond area.</li> <li>• Prevent access to the area by cats/dogs, check always made of the area to remove (hygienically) any faeces before children enter the area.</li> <li>• Any algal scum should be removed, avoiding skin contact.</li> </ul>	<p>CLEAPSS have issued a guide on Pond Dipping and Weils Disease.</p>	
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