


Department: <u>FRASERBURGH SOUTH PARK SCHOOL NURSERY</u>				RISK ASSESSMENT					
Process/Activity: Real item workbench and small parts				Location: South Park Nursery			Date: Ongoing		
Describe activity: Children have access to natural/real items and small loose parts for construction/creativity, woodwork and building.				Assessor Name: V. Stephen, L. Cameron, M. Stephen, Mrs. Stephen, N. Wallace, J. Whyte, K. Chicken, K. Barclay, S. Crane, L. Parker			Updated SEPTEMBER 2023		
Hazard	Person/s Affected	Risk	Risk level before controls are in place			Control Measures	Risk level after controls are in place		
Choke risk	Children	Inappropriate use of small items eg nuts, bolts, beads	Low	Med	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children currently limited to 2 at work station at one time until correct use becomes more consistent (September 23) Competent staff First Aider on premises Children always monitored when using beads for example Appropriate child/staff ratios, increasing on needs of children Discuss how items should be used before and during activities. Adults/staff to model correct use Staff to use knowledge of children in order to determine appropriate group size. 	Low	Med	High

Screwdrivers, saws, hammers, heavy wood,	Children Staff Helpers	Injury if materials used incorrectly eg heavy wood, pipes, nails, bolts, hammers, screwdrivers	Low	Med	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss how items should be used before and during activities • Adults/staff to model correct safe usage OF ALL MATERIALS • Allow a safe number of children at any one time – staff to judge based on needs & competency. • Area always monitored • 2 hats and 2 work jackets limit the amount at present (sept 23) 	Low	Med	High
Wood and natural items may cause splinters	Children Staff Helpers		Low	Med	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children to be made aware of all risks and take responsibility for risks/actions. • Model correct use 	Low	Med	High

Benefits

- Invites children to explore their physical world with real tools and authentic materials, and provides a solid foundation for creativity.
- It encompasses all areas of learning and development and invites connections between different aspects of learning and engages children who do not always want to participate in 'typical' nursery experiences.
- It is a medium for children to express their creativity and imagination.
- It helps develop children's imagination and creativity as well as practical skills.
- Real tools encourage children to play and explore whilst allowing them to actively learn.
- Opportunities to critically think and create and begin risk assessing themselves.
- Children have numerous opportunities to develop fine and gross motor skills.

- Supports communication and language development.
- Promotes hand eye coordination.
- Provides a sense of achievement and pride in their finished product.