


Department: <u>FRASERBURGH SOUTH PARK SCHOOL NURSERY</u>				RISK ASSESSMENT							
Process/Activity: Sharp instruments/toys/equipment				Location: Fraserburgh South Park Primary School			Date: Ongoing				
Describe activity: Any item which is sharp within the setting or outdoors				Assessor Name: V. Stephen, L. Cameron, M. Stephen, Mrs. Stephen, N. Wallace, J. Whyte, K. Chicken, L. Parker, K. Baclay, S. Crane			Reviewed: SEPTEMBER 2023				
Hazard	Person/s Affected	Risk	Risk level before controls are in place			Control Measures			Risk level after controls are in place		
Scissors	Children Adults	Physical injury	Low	Med	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently scissors are reduced to 4 at art table until situation is assessed and scissors are used sagely (sept 2023) • Children are shown safe ways to handle and store scissors. • Children supervised where possible when using scissors. • Staff encourage safe storage. • Staff check that scissors are fit for purpose and remove/replace if necessary. • Only child suitable scissors are used. • Adult scissors are kept out of reach 			Low	Med	High

Tools	Staff Children	Physical injury	Low	Med	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children are shown safe ways to handle and store tools/ Children are always supervised when using tools. 2 children at workspace is ample during Term 1 for new and younger children – (review and adapt as required) Staff encourage safe storage Staff to check tools to ensure they are fit for purpose. Remove/replace if necessary. 	Low	Med	High
Wooden hammer and nails activity	Children	Physical injury	Low	Med	High	<p>Children to be reminded of the rules when using the hammer and nails and reminded to be careful.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To watch what they are hitting with the hammer, to be careful of fingers. To hold the nails the correct way to be able to insert it safely into the cork board. 	Low	Med	High
Pegs (for registration and for playing in the Imaginative Corner)	Adult Children	Physical nips	Low	Med	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure good practice is modelled by peers and staff. Safe use of equipment is explained regularly. 	Low	Med	High
Sellotape dispenser	Adult Children	Physical injury	Low	Med	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children are reminded that they use dispenser with care. 	Low	Med	High
Knives and sharp implements	Children Adults	Physical injury	Low	Med	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharp equipment to be stored in drawers and cupboards out of reach of children. 	Low	Med	High

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children to be supervised at all times when using kitchen area and taught how to use implements/equipment correctly. • Child safety knives available for some children. 			
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Benefits

- Children are gaining opportunities to be responsible with equipment of all types.
- Whilst preparing snack for themselves children develop independence skills whilst also improving their ability to risk assess whilst carrying out a task
- Many children would not experience opportunities like this at home and removal off all risk would leave children with very little opportunity to develop and grow.
- Risk ensures children can assess risks for themselves and begin to undertake experiences.
- Although children undertake experiences staff are always present to support, encourage and praise.
- It is important children are able to assess risk, understand risk, act responsibly and safely whilst learning life skills.