## MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL

Risk Assessment: Middlezoy Play Park/Basketball Court/Skate Park and Playing Field

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Middlezoy Parish Council believe that play is a vital component of growing up and is how children develop skills, physical, social and intellectual.

This document is intended to guide Middlezoy Parish Councillors in their role as owners of a play area within the village of Middlezoy managed by the Parish Council. This policy applies only to play equipment upon the land leased by Middlezoy Parish Council as listed on the Asset Register.

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 recommends that owners and managers of premises should undertake a risk assessment of their facilities – this includes the children's playground, skate board park and basket ball court. This document defines and makes clear the duties and responsibilities of the parish council as owners of play equipment within its boundaries. This also includes a risk assessment setting out the key hazards and the Councils risk mitigation process.

The purpose of this document is to:

- Assess the risks relating to the play area
- Provide a formal way for the Parish Council to identify and be notified of potentially dangerous equipment within the area
- Ensure the Council has sufficient information to make decisions on play equipment condition
- Ensure that play equipment damage can be detected in a reasonable time
- Ensure that potentially dangerous equipment is properly dealt with and appropriate action taken

Control measures are then applied to the significant risks.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed?	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
Dangerous Equipment  Swings See-saw Slide Bucket seat Rocker Roundabout Skate ramp Basket Ball Court	Members of the public Inspectors	Routine Inspection  Monthly Inspection  All inspections must be documented on the inspection sheet with any hazards/damage identified and dealt with by cordoning off the area and arranging repairs.  Annual Inspection  Arranged via the Somerset Playing Field Association for an independent inspector to report on the state of the equipment and act accordingly  Staff and volunteers trained  Through SPF arrange for inspection training	Weekly/fornightly checks in addition to the routine inspection  Encourage community to report incidents via Councils social media Facebook page  Regular servicing and Cleaning	Clerk  Clerk to arrange for all to attend		

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Poorly Maintained equipment	Council	To avoid additional costs regular maintenance and cleaning recommended		External contractor	
Trapped Parts of the body	Members of the public	Fit appropriate gate fittings and follow HSE guidelines for height/distance between posts	Display warning signs	Council/Clerk/ Contractors	
Litter	Members of the public Contractors	Monthly Check of site for excess litter including:  Stones Plastic Glass  Remove and dispose of safely using PPE and	Maintain suitable bins	Clerk/Council	
Dog Mess	Users of the playing field	Notices reminding people to be responsible dog owners  Reporting dog fouling to the dog warden		Council  Members of the public	

## Park Inspection record:

Test the swings/identify any damage/decay/test bucket swing/test see-saw/test childs rocker/assess climbing area/hand holds/slide and platform/bucket rocker/skatepark. Inspection based on the external inspectors tests and regular visual check.

Swings	gs	Damage/decay	Bucket swing	See-saw	Childs rocker	Climbing frame	Slide	Platform	Bucket rocker	Skatepark