



Bungaree Community Garden

Risk Assessment

Please use this risk assessment to help determine any risks and hazards that may be evident in an activity or area within a service.

Service: Toongabbie West Activity Centre

Identify the Activity Taking children to the Community Garden to grow and sow their own food. They will tend to the garden and water the plants.	Location Community garden located on empty block behind the School	Who May be at Risk? Educators, Children, Visitors				
Identify Hazards, Risks and rate the risks						
Tasks	Hazards	Risks	Risk Rating			Existing Control Measures
Walk to and from the garden and return to Service	Falling tree branches	Concussion, cuts, bumps, bruises	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Rating	-safety check before children are taken into community garden - bum bag first aid kit & mobile phone, master key for toilet block taken by Educator -footwear- children and Educators must wear enclosed shoes
	Trips, slips and falls	Sprains, fractures, cuts, bumps, bruises	Possible	Major/severe	Very high	
Weather Conditions	Sun exposure	Sunstroke, sunburn, dehydration	Possible	Minor	Medium	-children to wear hats when UV is 3 and over -sunscreen provided -water available on site

Working in garden	Stings and bites- insects, spiders, ants	Swelling, pain, itching	Possible	Minor/moderate	Medium/High	-footwear- children and Educators must wear enclosed shoes -use of gardening gloves -First aid kit available on site
Use of gardening tools by children and Educators	Incorrect supervision and not experienced using gardening tools	Cuts, blisters, abrasions, deep wounds	Likely	Moderate	High	-safety check on all hand held tools -instruction given to children in use of tools
Toileting	Children and Educators leaving community garden	Safety of children	Unlikely	Minor	Low	-Use of primary toilet block accompanied by an Educator -close proximity of toilet block to garden -children encouraged to go to toilet before entering garden
Shared use of garden	Inappropriate conduct towards children by visitors or other members of the public	Safety and wellbeing of children compromised	Rare	Insignificant	Low	-educators consult with garden users before entering with children
Use of potting mix and compost	Inhalation of potting mix or compost	Legionnaires Disease	Rare	Moderate	Medium	-masks available for children and Educators
Working within built structure of garden	Loose bricks, rusted wire, wooden and metal posts, wooden sleepers	Falling bricks, splinters, protruding wire, cuts, abrasions	Possible	Moderate	High	-safety check by Educators before entering garden with children
	Wet weather, electrical storms, extreme hot weather	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-Activity will not be offered in the likelihood of extreme weather conditions- hot/cold

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