



## #42 Gardening Risk Assessment

Toongabbie West Activity Centre

### Identified Hazard

- Supervision of children.
- Gardening tools used incorrectly.
- Weather conditions.
- Insect bites/stings.
- Falling branches.

### Risk Rating Key

- !!** Very High
- !** High Risk
- #** Medium Risk
- \*** Low Risk

Hazard / Risk	Control Measures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Area not safe for children to play</li> <li>* Children leaving the area.</li> <li>! Injury to persons using equipment.</li> <li># Wet weather/ extreme heat.</li> <li>! Persons being bitten/ stung by insects, spiders, snakes.</li> <li>! People being hurt by falling branches.</li> <li># Property being damaged by falling branches.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Educators to complete Safety Checklist before children start gardening.</li> <li>- First Aid trained Educators and First Aid Kits available during operational hours.</li> <li>- Educators are to supervise following PAT – Position, Awareness &amp; Teamwork.</li> <li>- Depending on time of day – Educators are to accompany children to toilets or children can go together with older children, informing Educator.</li> <li>- Educators to remind children of safety rules around using gardening equipment.</li> <li>- Educators are to supervise children when using pruning shears, shovels/spades etc.</li> <li>- Educators and children are to follow our Sun Protection Policy and Work Health and Safety Policy.</li> <li>- Educators and children are to wear gloves, when needed and closed in shoes.</li> <li>- If branches present with poor structure, brittleness or look as if they are weakened and likely to fall Educators and Staff are to avoid the area and complete Hazard Form and notify School Principal.</li> <li>- Notify Emergency Services, if or when needed. Refer to Emergency Procedures Manual page 11 and Flip Chart Orange Tab – Evacuation.</li> </ul>
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