



Nail Polish/Remover Risk Assessment

Darlington Activity Centre

Risk Rating Key

Very High High Risk Medium Risk Low Risk

Activity	Hazard	Risk Assessment (use Matrix)	Control Measure	Who	When
Medical conditions associated with nail polish & remover use	Allergic reaction or skin irritation	Moderate	Use child-safe, non-toxic, water-based nail polishes where possible	Responsible person	Prior to use
			Check for allergies in advance via parent/carer forms	Responsible person	Prior to use
			Avoid applying polish to broken or irritated skin	All educators	During use
			Keep wipes nearby in case of immediate removal needed.	All educators	During use
			Constant educator supervision – children should not use remover or polish independently	All educators	During use
			Fully stocked first aid kit available	All educators	During use
	Eye contact or accidental ingestion	High	Ensure constant educator supervision — children should not use remover or polish independently	All educators	During use
			Store all materials out of reach when not in use	All educators	At all times
			Instruct children not to touch face or eyes during the activity, until the nail polish has dried	All educators	During use
			Have first aid and eyewash guidance ready	Responsible person	At all times
			Call emergency services or poison information if ingestion occurs.	Responsible person	If needed
	Inhalation of strong fumes (especially from remover)	Moderate	Use well ventilated spaces — open windows or use outdoors if possible	All educators	During use
			Limit exposure time and supervise closely	All educators	During use
			Avoid acetone-based removers — use non-acetone, child-friendly alternatives.	Responsible person	Prior to use

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Spills / Surface Damage	Nail polish or remover damaging tables/floors	Low	Use protective table covers or mats.	All educators	Prior to use
			Have paper towels, wipes, and disposable gloves ready for quick clean up	All educators	Prior to use
			Ensure constant educator supervision — children should not use remover or polish independently or clean up spills	All educators	During use
Potential of fire	Flammable remover or polish near heat sources	High	Keep away from open flames, heaters, or electrical sources	All educators	At all times
			Store polish and remover in cool, dry places	All educators	At all times
			Use minimal amounts and close containers immediately after use	All educators	At all times
			Ensure constant educator supervision — children should not use remover or polish independently or clean up spills	All educators	At all times
Cross-Contamination / Hygiene	Sharing brushes or contaminated remover pads	Low	Use individual applicators or cotton pads	All educators	During use
			Avoid double-dipping brushes into shared polish/remover bottles.	All educators & children	During use
			Dispose of used pads/cotton balls	All educators	After use
Children's behaviour	Messy or inappropriate use (e.g. painting on skin/clothes/walls)	Low	Give a clear demonstration and safety briefing	All educators	Prior to use
			Supervise close	All educators	At all times
			Limit how many children participate at one time (e.g. small group rotation)	All educators	During activity
			Children who cannot follow rules, will be asked to move away	All educators	As needed

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Storage & Disposal	Unsafe storage or waste handling	Low	Keep nail products in an area not easily accessed by children	All educators	At all times
			Dispose of used remover pads, spilled polish, and empty bottles safely — follow local waste disposal regulations.	All educators	As needed
Parental Consent	Disputes or unapproved use	Moderate	Obtain written consent from parents/carers for use of nail polish and remover	Responsible Person	Prior to use
			Provide an option to opt-out or use alternatives (e.g. nail stickers)	Responsible person	As needed
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