



Nerf Gun Play - Risk Assessment

Darlington Activity Centre

Risk Rating Key

Very Low/ Low/ **Moderate** / High / Very High

Activity	Hazard	Risk Assessment (use Matrix)	Control Measure	Who	When
Nerf gun play	Injury to eyes/face	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All children will be spoken to as a group prior to activity about safe play rules and where they can and cannot aim. - Strictly no aiming at face or head. - Protective eyewear to be offered where available. - Educators use close supervision to ensure children are following rules and intervene immediately if unsafe behaviour occurs. - Any child not abiding by rules will sit out of the activity. 	RP/Educators	Prior to and during activity
	Bumps, cuts, grazes or collisions from running	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educators to explain designated play boundaries and safe movement expectations before activity commences. - Indoor areas to remain out of bounds unless specified safe zones. - Children reminded to walk in indoor areas and remain aware of surroundings. - Outdoor checklist completed prior to activity to ensure grounds are safe and free from hazards. - Appropriate footwear required at all times. - First aid kit fully stocked and accessible. 	RP/Educators	Prior to and during activity
	Slips, trips and falls due to darts/equipment on ground	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educators conduct regular checks and encourage children to collect darts throughout activity. - Clear play spaces maintained free from obstacles and clutter. - Play area boundaries clearly identified. 	RP/Educators	During activity
	Children getting sunburned or heat-related illness	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educators will not allow participation unless sunscreen has been applied and hats are worn during outdoor play (pending UV) - RP to check UV levels during morning safety checklist and determine safe outdoor times. - Water available at all times and regular drink breaks encouraged. 	RP/Educators	Prior to and during activity



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			- Activity modified or ceased during extreme heat/weather conditions.		
	Unsafe use of Nerf guns/equipment	Medium	- Equipment checked prior to use for damage or faults. - Only age-appropriate Nerf equipment used. - Children instructed on correct and safe handling of equipment. - No physical contact permitted during play.	RP/Educators	Prior to and during activity
	Emotional distress, rough play or conflict between children	Medium	- Educators model respectful behaviour and reinforce fair play expectations. - Children supported with conflict resolution strategies where required. - Alternative quiet activities available if children no longer wish to participate.	RP/Educators	During activity
	Spread of germs through shared equipment	Medium	- Children encouraged to sanitise hands before and after activity. - Nerf guns and shared equipment cleaned and disinfected regularly in line with health and hygiene procedures.	RP/Educators	Before and after activity
	Asthma or medical incidents during active play	Medium	- Medical management plans reviewed prior to activity. - Medication easily accessible. - Staff with current first aid, CPR, asthma and anaphylaxis training available during activity. - Children monitored for signs of distress or overexertion.	RP/Educators	Prior to and during activity
	Emergency or injury requiring first aid	Medium	- Fully stocked first aid kit accessible at all times. - Educators trained in first aid respond immediately. - Incidents documented according to service policy and families informed where required.	RP/Educators	During activity

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Risk Matrix						
Consequences	Likelihood					
		Rare	Unlikely	Possible	Likely	Almost Certain
	Major	Moderate	High	High	Very High	Very High
	Significant	Moderate	Moderate	High	High	Very High
	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	High
	Minor	Very low	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
	Insignificant	Very low	Very low	Low	Moderate	Moderate

