



Nail Polish and Remover : Risk Assessment

Beresford Road Activity Centre

Risk Rating Key

Very High / High / Medium / Low

Activity	Hazard	Risk Assessment (use Matrix)	Control Measure	Who	When
Medical conditions associated with nail polish & remover use	Allergic reaction or skin irritation	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use child-safe, non-toxic, water-based nail polishes where possible. - Check for allergies in advance via parent/carer forms. - Avoid applying polish to broken or irritated skin. - Keep wipes nearby in case of immediate removal needed. - Close supervision by educators whilst children are using nail polish - Fully stocked first aid kit available 	Responsible Person	Prior to use
	Eye contact or accidental ingestion	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ensure constant educator supervision — children should not use remover or polish independently. - Store all materials out of reach when not in use. - Instruct children not to touch face or eyes during the activity. - Have first aid and eyewash guidance ready. - Call emergency services or poison control if ingestion occurs. 	Responsible Person	At all times
	Inhalation of strong fumes (especially from remover)	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use well-ventilated spaces — open windows or use outdoors if possible. - Limit exposure time and supervise closely. - Avoid acetone-based removers — use non-acetone, child-friendly alternatives. 	All educators	At all times During use At all times As needed
				All educators Responsible Person	During use
				Responsible Person	At all times Prior to use
				All educators	
				All educators Responsible	

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Spills / Surface Damage	Nail polish or remover damaging tables/floors	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use protective table covers or mats. - Have paper towels, wipes, and disposable gloves ready for quick cleanup. - Children must be supervised when using nail polish and must ask educators if nail polish is needed, as educators will assist. 	<p>All educators All educators</p> <p>All educators</p>	<p>Prior to use Prior to use</p> <p>During event</p>
Potential of fire	Flammable remover or polish near heat sources	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep away from open flames, heaters, or electrical sources. - Store polish and remover in cool, dry places. - Use minimal amounts and close containers immediately after use. -Children not to use remover on their own, educators will assist and be present 	<p>All educators All educators All educators</p> <p>All educators</p>	<p>At all times At all times At all times</p> <p>At all times</p>
Cross-Contamination / Hygiene	Sharing brushes or contaminated remover pads	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use individual applicators or cotton pads. - Avoid double-dipping brushes into shared polish/remover bottles. - Dispose of used pads/cotton balls safely in sealed bag 	<p>All educators All educators & Children All educators</p>	<p>During use During use</p> <p>After use</p>
Children's behaviour	Messy or inappropriate use (e.g. painting on skin/clothes/walls)	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Give a clear demonstration and safety briefing. - Supervise closely. - Limit how many children participate at one time (e.g. small group rotation). -Children who cannot follow rules, will be asked to move away 	<p>All educators All educators All educators</p> <p>All educators</p>	<p>Prior to use At all times During activity</p> <p>As needed</p>
Storage & Disposal	Unsafe storage or waste handling	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep nail products in a locked or supervised area. - Dispose of used remover pads, spilled polish, and empty bottles safely — follow local waste disposal regulations. 	<p>All educators All educators</p>	<p>At all times As needed</p>
Parental Consent	Disputes or unapproved use	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Obtain written consent from parents/carers for use of nail polish and remover. - Provide an option to opt-out or use alternatives (e.g. nail stickers). 	<p>Responsible Person</p> <p>Responsible Person</p>	<p>Prior to use</p> <p>As needed</p>

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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

