

Risk Rating Key

**Very High**

**High Risk**

**Medium Risk**

**Low Risk**

**Sensory Play Making - Risk Assessment**

**Toongabbie West Activity Centre**

| **Activity** | **Hazard** | **Risk Assessment****(use Matrix)** | **Control Measure** | **Who** | **When** |
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| Slime Making  | **Ingestion Slime Materials** (harmful if swallowed)* Borax
* Saline Solution
* Shaving Cream
* PVA Glue
* Food Colouring
 | **High Risk** | Children must be reminded NOT to eat or put listed materials in mouth or near face.* Follow safety instructions of each product label, if a child ingests or gets in their eyes.
* Notify parents immediately.
* Seek medical attention if ingestion is suspected.
* Children and Educators should wash hands before and after activity.
 | Responsible Person, Educators and children | Prior to activity (safety talk), During (supervision), As needed (response) |
| **Contact of Activator in Eyes** (irritation/damage) | **High Risk** | * Children to wear gloves when mixing ingredients.
* Educators to remind children of safety precautions and to not put ingredients near face.
* If contact occurs, follow safety instructions on the product label.
* Notify parents immediately.
* Provide First Aid as necessary.
* Keep SDS sheets accessible.
* Educators positioned throughout group for supervision.
 | Responsible Person, Educators | Prior to activity (prep, briefing), During (supervise), As needed (response) |
| Skin Irritation from Activator, Glue, Shaving Cream | **Medium Risk** | * Check children for allergies prior.
* Children to wear gloves when mixing slime.
* Wash hands after handling slime.
* Staff to discuss safe use of materials.
* Permission from parent/guardians required prior to activity.
 | Educators & ChildrenParent/Guardian | Prior to activity (allergy check, briefing), During (supervise), After (handwashing)Prior to activity |
| **Misuse of Materials / Unsafe Behavior** (e.g., throwing slime, putting materials on face) | **Medium Risk** | * Discuss expected behaviour and consequences before activity.
* Remove children who misuse materials.
* Educators stationed evenly to monitor.
* Reinforce safety rules throughout.
 | Educators | Before (setup), During (supervise and clean), After (clean area) |
| Mess / Slippery Surfaces from Spills |  **Medium Risk** | * Protect surfaces with coverings.
* Clean spills immediately.
* Encourage children to stay seated or steady while working.
 | Educators & Children | Before (setup), During (supervise and clean), After (clean area) |
| Handling Sticky Slime (Transfer of Germs) | **Low Risk** | * Handwashing before and after.
* Discourage sharing slime between children.
 | Educators & Children | Before, During, and After Activity |
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