

Practical Risk Assessment form

Risk	Procedure to alleviate risk	Probability rating
Safety of general work environment	Check the area prior to each class to ensure area is safe from hazards (such as wet or slippery surface areas, loose items on the ground, chairs stacked too high near program area etc)	2
Faulty or unsafe equipment	Check all equipment prior to each class and remove or replace faulty or unsafe equipment where applicable	2
Program moved from hall to an outdoor environment	 Ensure all children have hats and sun screen protection on if not under shelter. Provide extra matting if on rough or hard surface Check the environment for any safety hazards 	3
Number of children attending a class is unexpectedly increased.	 Increase the number of stations with activities which do not require extra coach supervision. Ask teacher/s to assist in supervision 	2
Need to evacuate the premise	Learn the evacuation procedures prior to beginning the program at each venue.	1
Child injures themselves or becomes ill while participating in program	 Ensure at least one of the coaches and/or teachers overseeing the program has appropriate first aid qualifications Identify any children who may have special needs, an existing injury or ailment prior to the beginning of the program. 	3
Child not following instruction and acting in an unsafe manner	 Speak with the child and be sure he or she has understood the initial instructions Remove the child from program until they acknowledge and can demonstrate they understand the importance of following instructions and correct procedure on activities. 	3

Rating scale:

Likelihood Rating Scale

Level	Rating	Likelihood Description	Frequency
1	Rare	Very unlikely but not impossible	 Less than once in 15 years
2	Unlikely	Plausible, could occur at sometime	At least once in 10 years
3	Possible	 Reasonable likelihood to occur at sometime 	 At least once in 5 years
4	Likely	High probability of occurring in most circumstances	At least once per year
5	Almost Certain	Will probably occur in most circumstances	More than once per year

Risk Rating Scale: Likelihood x Consequence = Level of Risk

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Level of Risk	Criteria for Management of Risk	
1 – 3	Acceptable	
4 – 5	Monitor	
6 – 9	Management Control Required	
10 – 14	Urgent Management Attention	
15 – 25	Unacceptable	

Evaluating Risks

The risk evaluation step involves deciding whether the identified risk rating is acceptable, after considering: -

- The controls already in place;
- The cost impact of managing the risks or leaving them untreated;
- Benefits and opportunities presented by the risk; and
- The risks borne by other stakeholders.