

KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Risk Assessment and Management – Play Area

The Children's Play Area is located off Hall Lane, Knapton, NR28 0SG. Grid Reference TG 30408 33931. What Three Words - Sheepish.king.lightbulb

Monthly visual inspections of the play equipment are carried out by the Clerk, and annual inspections are carried out by external professional companies.

The Clerk holds copies of all inspections and holds a playground inspection certificate.

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

ITEM/AREA	RISK IDENTIFIED	RISK LEVEL	CONTROL	RESIDUAL RISK
Entrance gate	Personal injury	Low	Metal Gate, identified for replacement July 2025 Rubber buffers fitted at opening and hinge end to prevent finger entrapment. Self-closing spring to ensure the gate is not left open.	Low
	Injury to third party	Low	Young children are required to be accompanied by an adult.	Low
Signage	Personal injury	Low	Signage fixed securely. No perceived risks. Additional signage has been installed Oct 2025 on the fence next to the play equipment The original one is attached to the gate off Hall Lane	Low

Site	<p>Personal injury</p> <p>Risk to third party, property or individuals</p> <p>Entrapment</p>	<p>Low</p> <p>Low</p> <p>Low</p>	<p>Site cleared of hazards. Surface – grass and grass mats, in good condition, no holes. children under 10 years must be accompanied by an adult, Low level of use.</p> <p>Adults required to accompany young children.</p> <p>No ropes. No risk perceived.</p>	<p>Low</p> <p>Lo w Lo w</p>
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ITEM/AREA	RISK IDENTIFIED	RISK LEVEL	CONTROL	RESIDUAL RISK
Bench	Personal injury	Low	Wood inspected regularly to check for cracks and splits	Low
	Risk to third party, property or individuals	Low	Bench anchored to the ground to prevent it falling on someone.	Low
Security	Personal injury/abduction	Low	The site is in an open location, in view of housing and MADRA. Strangers would be noticed. Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult	Low
Access to the Play Area	Personal Injury	Medium	The entrance to the play area is off of Hall Lane, a busy road with no footpaths, the gate to the play area is set back from the road Safety measures are being discussed regarding the exit onto Hall Lane and a safer route from School Close has been arranged	Low
Timber Toddler Climber	Personal injury	Low	All timber in good condition.	Low
	Risk to third party, property or individuals	Low	Young children should be accompanied by an adult, to prevent falling	Low
	Entrapment	Low	No risk identified This unit was reduced in size June 2025	Low

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Multiplay Junior Unit with Toddler Swings	Personal injury	Low	In good condition. Set in grass with grass mats, so falling would be on soft ground.	Low
	Risk to third party, property, or individuals	Low	Toddlers to be accompanied to prevent accidents, as per playground sign	Low
	Entrapment	Low	No perceived risk.	Low
Multi Play Junior Unit	Personal injury	Low	In good condition. No perceived problems. Set in grass with grass mats – soft landing.	Low
	Risk to third party, property, or individuals	Low	Young children to be accompanied by adults.	Low Low
	Entrapment	Low	No risk perceived.	

NOTE: In all this area the risk is perceived as low for older children. Young children must be accompanied by an adult to reduce their risk of injury.

All remaining risks are managed to a reasonable level.

This risk assessment will be reviewed on receipt of an Annual Inspection from an external body.

This risk assessment paper was reviewed and adopted by Knapton Parish Council at its meeting on.....