

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT RECORD



WORK AREA/ WORK ACTIVITY COVERED BY ASSESSMENT **Use of Landeez beach wheelchairs by school groups.**
(currently for use at Yaverland and Brook Bay beaches)

PERSONNEL INVOLVED: Dinosaur Isle staff acting as guides.

NON-EMPLOYEES AFFECTED: School children, teachers and non-teaching staff, parents and carers; Dinosaur Isle volunteers and work experience students.

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ITEM NO	HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	RISKS IDENTIFIED	EXISTING PRECAUTIONS	FURTHER ACTION	PRIORITY FOR FURTHER ACTION
1	Chair without brakes.	Risk of injury when moving downhill or chair tipping over at speed.	Wheel-lock which can be applied when chair stationary.	Adult to be always behind the chair when child using chair.	
2	Inadequate tyre pressures.	Difficulty in movement; awkward turning. Damage to tyres.	Ensure tyres are inflated to correct pressures at regular intervals.	Air pumps provided with each chair.	
3	Lack of support for child in chair.	Danger of tilting, falling out of chair, injury or bruising owing to lack of support.	Seat belt round waist can be fitted with chair Ensure children are self-supporting who use chair. Use lumbar supports to encase ankles for support.	Chair to be used with arms down at sides. Child to sit with weight at rear of chair. Wedge cushion to be used to tilt child backward into seat.	
4	Discomfort / bruising caused by lack of padding.	Lumbar / neck supports need extra padding at centre to avoid bruising / discomfort.	Add padding or small cushion to lessen discomfort over time.	Use existing padding from child's own chair; extend wedge seat to come under knees.	Child not to be left in chair for long periods.
5	Child falling out of chair over uneven ground.	Mounting kerbs, going over pot-holes, uneven ground – danger of tipping out of chair.	Adult to control chair at suitable speed; kerbs to be approached backwards downward; forward up kerbs.	Tyres will cope well with bark / gravel / stones / sand. More care to be taken on uneven ground.	

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6	Going down steep inclines or flights of steps – danger of child getting hurt.	Child being tipped out of chair; chair becoming out of control.	Handles at rear of chair suitable for two adults to use when moving downhill.	Child to walk downhill – if possible – and to regain chair when on even ground.	
7	Injury when child being lifted into/out of chair.	Danger of injury/bruising, broken limbs.	Adult to stabilise chair by holding chair at rear; arm rests to be lifted to ease entry to chair.	Parent/carer who is trained in moving/handling to move child into chair.	
8	Drowning / tidal action.	Chair not to be used in water; adult to be present at all times.	Chair not intended for swimming or total immersion.	Chair always to be accompanied by adult at all times.	
9	Soiling or risk of chair becoming muddied and dirty from previous use.	Lack of hygiene for next child to use chair; discomfort/cold.	Materials are washable and tyres can be hosed down with water.	Users of the child to agree to return chair in suitable condition before next use.	
10	Users not having read safety guide nor agreed to safety instructions before use.	Lack of brakes on chair; danger of injury through mis-use of chair.	Safety manual to be read and instructions; risk assessment to be completed prior to use.	Risk assessment should take into account context and specific needs of specific child.	
11	Missing pieces / supports.	Loose straps and stray straps causing trapping.	Ensure straps are tightened before use of chair; tuck into each other so as to avoid catching them.		

PLEASE NOTE: this is a basic assessment, Users should additionally assess the particular needs of the child using the chair. Chairs will be made available, but children should be supervised and pushed by parents, carers or staff of the visiting school.