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Annual Inspection

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Inspection Scope for RPII Annual Inspectors

This document outlines the RPII scope for inspections undertaken by the Inspectors listed as Indoor and Outdoor Annual Inspectors (where relevant) on the RPII Register of Inspectors when undertaking inspections.

Inspections are undertaken with reference to the standards listed in this preamble only; where no date for the standard is given it will be the standard that is current at the time of inspection except where overlap periods are granted by the standards committee when standards are updated. The information contained in reports is provided to assist the owner/operator in fulfilling their responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standard. Other standards referenced within the listed standards do not form part of the inspection, unless they are also explicitly listed here.

For the avoidance of doubt, references to compliance relate only to those aspects that can be assessed visually or manually, within the limitations of a non-dismantling, non-destructive inspection, and without the use of specialist equipment.

The following standards define the technical framework within which inspections are carried out; not all requirements within these standards can be verified during an inspection. The following standards are relevant to all installations of equipment that are publicly accessible to users; this includes public parks, pay and play parks, schools, nurseries, public houses, holiday parks, indoor play centres, farm parks etc. All equipment used or employed in publicly accessible areas should meet with the requirements of the relevant standards (listed below):

BS EN 1176 Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 11 Playground equipment intended for permanent installation outdoors & indoors.

BS EN 1176 Part 7 - 'Guidance on Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Operation' (this document gives guidance to the owners/operators of the facility on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of playground equipment, excluding ancillary items).

In the United Kingdom the National Foreword forms an important part to the understanding and implementation of the recommendations set out in this document. It clarifies the application of the document within the UK as best practice guidance, as the document has been used since its initial publication. Therefore, in the UK this standard (BS EN 1176 – Part 7) contains no requirements and needs to be read and implemented as guidance, with the use of the term 'shall' therefore becoming a recommendation, as in the term 'should'.

Domestic play equipment falls outside of the scope of BS EN 1176 and has its own standards (BS EN 71 series – Safety of Toys). Where domestic equipment can be identified this will be acknowledged in the report; any comments will be made using the principles of BS EN 1176 as guidance only, rather than as a formal assessment of compliance.

When water play items, including spray parks, are inspected any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will refer to EN 1176. We have not assessed these against the requirements of EN 17232 (Water play equipment and features).

Other equipment that is not clearly identified as unsupervised or domestic (natural play, self-build equipment etc.) will be assessed for compliance with the relevant standard listed below:

BS EN 15312 Free access multi-sports equipment

BS EN 14974 Skateparks

BS EN 16630 Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment

BS EN 16899 Parkour equipment (plus RPII/API guidance notes)

Annual and Post Installation inspections will take into consideration compliance with these current standards, and defects related to wear and vandalism. Items not listed in the report have not been included in the inspection. The inspection will cover the playground equipment and the active area (that area which is obviously part of the playground), nominally up to three metres around, the fence line if closer, or other areas as agreed.

Operational inspections only take into consideration defects related to cleanliness, equipment ground clearances, ground surface finishes, exposed foundations, sharp edges, missing parts, excessive wear (of moving parts) structural integrity, wear and vandalism. Routine visual inspections relate only to the most obvious defects such as broken or missing parts, litter, vandalism and issues created by severe weather conditions (the intention is to identify hazards created by storm damage).

All inspections are non-dismantling, non-destructive and do not include any structural, toxicology or impact assessments defined in the standard; however, the inspector will undertake a basic manual stability check appropriate to a visual

inspection and if equipment fails under manual load, or any other hazard is identified as an unacceptable risk, the owner/operator will be notified as soon as practicably possible.

The inspector will access all reasonably accessible equipment and will assess all reasonably accessible parts above the standing surface. For the purposes of this inspection, “reasonably accessible” means accessible without the use of specialist access equipment, tools, or unsafe working practices. Where it is not possible to access parts of the equipment without employing an alternative means of access the report will record the action required by the owner/operator to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment.

Ancillary equipment will be assessed using the inspector’s knowledge and experience of the standards named in this document. (Note: Ancillary items are not included in the specific equipment-type parts of the EN 1176 series; hence they are not assessed for compliance with EN 1176 series and are subject to a general safety assessment).

The owner/operator is responsible for the overall safety of the equipment and area.

The inspector will not undertake any of the following works unless specifically agreed in writing at the time of order:

Checking the depth and underlying structural integrity of any surface areas and/or carrying out any testing of the impact attenuating properties of any surfaces; the identification of any corrosion, rot or other deterioration in any apparatus or equipment other than by an external inspection; the inspection of any equipment (or part thereof) that is beneath the playing surface (loose-fill materials may be moved to expose foundations); tightening any bolts, hinges or other fixing devices on any apparatus or equipment; assessing or inspecting any electrical installations contained on any site and/or apparatus and/or equipment; assessing or inspecting any water supplies and/or water features and/or any associated computerised systems (including carrying out any programming); where planting or trees are mentioned in the report no assessments of toxicity, suitability or condition are undertaken – the owner/operator should have suitable inspections provided by a competent person.

The owner/operator should have a ‘design risk assessment’ provided by the manufacturer/designer of the area for the equipment and location in which the facility is installed.

The operator is responsible for managing risks of their provision and is required by law to carry out a ‘suitable and sufficient assessment’ of the risks associated with a site or activity. This inspection shall be considered as contributing to the operator's discharge of this responsibility.

The details contained within the report are a snapshot of the condition at the time of inspection only and subsequent events may affect the condition of the facility. Suggested remedial actions are based on the knowledge and experience of the inspector and/or that of the inspection company. The owner/operator should always seek the advice of the manufacturer or a competent person when undertaking repairs and/or modifications to equipment.

Responsibility of the Owner/Operator The owner/operator has overall responsibility for the safety, management, and ongoing maintenance of the play equipment and surrounding area. This includes ensuring that equipment is appropriately installed, inspected, maintained, repaired, and managed in accordance with the relevant standards, manufacturer guidance, and applicable legislation

Inspections undertaken by RPII Annual Inspectors contribute to the owner/operator’s discharge of these responsibilities but do not replace the requirement for the owner/operator to carry out suitable and sufficient risk assessments, routine monitoring, and maintenance, or to act on identified defects and recommendations. Responsibility for initiating or undertaking any actions arising from this report rests solely with the Client.

The operator is responsible for following the guidance of the relevant standards. The standards give guidance on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of the various types of facilities. The inspection guidance is listed in Table 1, with an indication of which parts will be included in an RPII Annual or Post-Installation Inspection. The relevant standards also contain additional parts which the operator should follow.

Inspection recommendations of relevant standards Inclusion or exclusion within this table does not imply an exhaustive assessment; all inspections and checks are subject to the limitations described within this methodology. Refer to relevant standards for full text	Annual Main	RPII Annual/ Post Installation Inspection
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of equipment (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of foundations (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of playing surfaces (see note 2)	✓	✓ [2]
6.1 d) Compliance with the relevant parts of the standard and or risk assessment (see note 3)	✓	✓ [3]
6.1 d) Effects of weather	✓	✓
6.1 d) Presence of rot, decay or corrosion (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Assessment of repairs made or added or replaced components (see note 4)	✓	✓ [4]
6.1 d) Excavation or dismantling/additional measures	✓	✗
6.2.1 Assessment of glass reinforced plastics (see note 5)	✓	✓ [5]
6.2.1 Inspection of one post equipment (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.2.4 Undertaking the Operators inspection protocol	✓	✗

NB: The clause numbers in table 1 are taken from BS EN 1176 - Part 7:2020. The content is equally applicable to all other relevant standards listed herein. Playgrounds contain a range of equipment from different manufacturers and installed over a number of years; operators should implement any guidance provided by the manufacturer. Item specific detail is not readily available to RPII Playground Inspectors, whose report contributes to the operator's overall inspection responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standards. RPII Annual Inspectors may, where readily available, refer to manufacturer installation instructions for general context, but do not check against these in full on any item as inspections are focused on compliance with relevant standards and maintenance defects; the responsibility for ensuring that installation instructions are adhered to lies with the owner and the installer.

[1] A manual test only is undertaken for stability. Wear and instability are only detectable where readily apparent without dismantling or destruction and without the use of tools, excavation or specialist equipment. Rot and corrosion are tested or with a hammer and/or steel rod. Decay in timber may exist which can only be found with specialist equipment.

[2] Only the visible condition and dimensional compliance of surface extent is considered. Neither testing of impact attenuating properties nor measurement of the thickness of bound surfaces are undertaken on RPII annual inspections.

[3] The inspection assesses compliance where this can be tested on site using manual methods without dismantling, destruction and without the use of tools or specialist equipment.

[4] The operator should use manufacturer's recommended parts, or equivalent. We are unable to verify if such parts have been used, and any subsequent change in quality or performance.

[5] Visible glass fibres will be noted in reports. The operator is responsible for repairs or replacement.

Risk Assessment Matrix

			Scores in the report are multiplication factors of Likelihood x Severity					
			Severity>>					
Likelihood	Very High probability, if the situation is not addressed an accident is almost certain.	5	Very High	VL (5)	L (10)	M (15)	H (20)	VH (25)
	High probability an accident is probable without any added factor.	4	High	VL (4)	L (8)	M (12)	H (16)	H (20)
	Moderate probability an incident is foreseeable.	3	Moderate	VL (3)	L (6)	L (9)	M (12)	M (15)
	Some probability, requires a combination of factors to take place.	2	Low	VL (2)	VL (4)	L (6)	L (8)	L (10)
	No significant probability; lightning strike, freak accident.	1	Very Low	VL (1)	VL (2)	VL (3)	VL (4)	VL (5)
				Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High
				1	2	3	4	5
				No injury likely e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising, grazes	Minor injury, laceration or bruising requiring first aid only	Injury requiring medical intervention e.g. cuts requiring stitches	Serious injury including concussions or fracture of long bones	Severe injury involving a potential life changing injury or fatality
				Severity>>				
Note 1: The total risk scores included within our reports are a multiplication factor of the calculated Likelihood and Severity of each finding. Both Likelihood and Severity are given a number between 1 - 5 as shown on the matrix above and these two numbers are then multiplied together to give the total risk score that is shown against defects on the report. Total risk scores can be divided in both directions, i.e. a total risk score of 12 could be a Likelihood (3) x Severity (4) or Likelihood (4) x Severity (3). Note 2: When we inspect we only see a snapshot of the current condition of the equipment. It is the operators responsibility to ensure that there is a continuing level of maintenance to keep the equipment in good working order and the site fit for use.								

Equipment has been assessed to the following standards where relevant:

BS EN 1176 Parts 1-11 (Playground equipment and surfacing)
 BS EN 14974 (Facilities for users of roller sports equipment)
 BS EN 15312 (Free access multi-sports equipment)
 BS EN 16899 (Parkour Equipment)
 BS EN 16630 (Outdoor Fitness Equipment).

Bacton

Inspection Ref: 3004551

Site Ref: 16615

Inspected: 9-March-2026 - 14:40 by Liam Last (RPII Annual Inspector)

Risk Assessment: 12 Moderate Risk

**Location:**

The site is partially overlooked by properties in the local community

Disabled Access:

Some accessible features - The area includes limited accessible elements; however, aspects of the layout, surfacing, or equipment may present barriers to use for some people with disabilities without reasonable adjustments or assistance.

4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Sign
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: N/A
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Sign
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: N/A
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Gate - Maintenance
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

The maintenance gate was correctly padlocked at the time of inspection, however this means that the inspector was unable to fully assess the gate - Ensure that there are 12mm gaps throughout the full range of motion on gate/s and between leaves where relevant

8 - Low Risk

Item: Fence - Chainlink
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

There are projecting bolt thread(s) present - Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap

4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Bench
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Concrete
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

6 - Low Risk

Item: Litter Bin
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Concrete
Item Quantity: 2
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

The lid or door of the litter bin is not secured - Ensure the lid or door is kept locked

10 - Low Risk

Item: 5 a side Goals
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Item Part Number:
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Total Findings: 5



Finding 1

The goals are not anchored in position - Refer to manufacturer recommendations and provide as required

Finding 2

Parts of the framework is unsecured - Secure

Finding 3

The surface has eroded in some areas and may be slippery in wet conditions - Reinstate the surface

Finding 4

The nets are not fully secured - Secure nets

Finding 5

Cable ties are present and there are sharp projecting ends - Replace with a more appropriate fixing method

8 - Low Risk

Item: Quarter Pipe
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

8 - Low Risk

Item: Multi Ramp
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

Joints between the riding / rolling surfaces shall not be greater than 5mm in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 14974 – 6.2.4 - Take corrective action to ensure that the gaps between the joints do not exceed 5mm

8 - Low Risk

Item: Quarter Pipe
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

The tree canopy overhangs the equipment and is less than 2.0m away - Lift tree canopy to ensure a minimum clearance of 2.0m from the equipment

12 - Moderate Risk

Item: Cable Runway
Manufacturer: Sutcliffe Play Limited
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 9



Finding 1

We have completed a visual inspection of the suspension links, cable and fixing points from ground level, however it is not possible to fully inspect these areas without either hiring equipment to gain access or removing the cable and suspension and inspecting at ground level. We recommend that the main cable and fixing security is thoroughly inspected at least in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations to check for wear, damage, security or internal rusting; this will help to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment - Inspect in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations

Finding 3

The seat connector is worn more than 40% and requires replacement - Replace seat connector if possible or replace seat

Finding 5

The top chain links are worn excessively and require renewing - Replace worn chains

Finding 7

The grass mats are silted up, the soil is compacted and the area will become very slippery when the soil is wet. - Reinstate as required

Finding 9

The seat is less than 2.0 metres from the post when extended at 45 degrees at the end of the area of travel and does not meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 4 - Adjust the cable stop position to ensure the minimum distance is maintained

Finding 2

There is or are fixings missing on the item - Replace all missing fixings

Finding 4

The nylon inserts are worn or missing at the point the cable enters the traveller - Replace worn or missing inserts as required

Finding 6

The traveller bearing is showing signs of wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace if required

Finding 8

The dampening spring or tyre is damaged or broken on the item - Replace spring or tyre

8 - Low Risk

Item: Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Sutcliffe Play Limited
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 6



Finding 1

The side of the slide extends less than 500mm above the slide surface at the start section and does not meet the recommendations of BS EN 1176 Part 3 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

Finding 3

There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately

Finding 5

The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.2 for head and neck entrapment in the frame - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

Finding 2

There are a number of dents in the slide surface - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

Finding 4

There is some evidence of rot in the timber - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

Finding 6

There is/are finger entrapment/s in the frame and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

6 - Low Risk

Item: Climbing Frame
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 5



Finding 1

Bolt cap cover/s missing or damaged - Replace

Finding 2

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

Finding 3

There are redundant screws in the post - Remove

Finding 4

The use of synthetic fillers in timber is not recommended; timber being a natural material will expand and contract as the moisture content changes and the use of fillers can exacerbate the length and depth of these cracks or shakes in the timber. The only treatment that is normally required is the removal of any rough or sharp edges unless the structural integrity of the item is affected. - Remove any rough or sharp edges and monitor timber for any further deterioration

Finding 5

There is some wear to the shackles - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

5 - Very Low Risk

Item: See Saw
Manufacturer: Yates Playgrounds Ltd
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.2 for head and neck entrapment in the frame - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

6 - Low Risk

Item: 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This design of swing joint has been known to fail on the weld connecting the joint to the threaded stud - We would recommend that the joint be dismantled and checked on a regular basis or consulting with manufacturer on whether a Secondary Safety Device can be fitted

8 - Low Risk

Item: 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Adventure Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: No

Total Findings: 10



Finding 1

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

Finding 3

There is some evidence of rot in the timber - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

Finding 5

The seat/s is / are too close to the frame as defined in BS EN 1176 Part 2 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

Finding 7

There is some notable evidence of chain wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

Finding 9

Parts of the timber are rough or splintered - Remove all rough or sharp edges

Finding 2

The grass mats are silted up, the soil is compacted and the area will become very slippery when the soil is wet. - Reinstate as required

Finding 4

The surfacing width under the seat/s is / are less than 875mm when measured from the centre of the seat outwards, and fail the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 2 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

Finding 6

The bushes are worn or missing - Replace worn or missing bushes

Finding 8

There is some wear to the shackles - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

Finding 10

The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process. Timber splits may also create rough / splintering edges. - Monitor, sand down any rough edges and ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

8 - Low Risk

Item: Roundabout
Manufacturer: Yates Playgrounds Ltd
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 3



Finding 1

The grass mats are silted up, the soil is compacted and the area will become very slippery when the soil is wet. - Reinstate as required

Finding 2

The distance between the underside of the roundabout platform and the playing surface is less than 60mm and contravenes the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 5 which requires that the distance be maintained between 60mm-110mm for the entire circumference of the roundabout - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

Finding 3

There are projecting bolt thread(s) present - Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap

Findings information

4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Gates - Gate - Maintenance
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The maintenance gate was correctly padlocked at the time of inspection, however this means that the inspector was unable to fully assess the gate

Action: Ensure that there are 12mm gaps throughout the full range of motion on gate/s and between leaves where relevant

8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Fences - Fence - Chainlink
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There are projecting bolt thread(s) present

Action: Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap

6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Litter Bin
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Concrete



Finding: The lid or door of the litter bin is not secured

Action: Ensure the lid or door is kept locked

i 10 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Multi Use Games Area - 5 a side Goals
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The goals are not anchored in position

Action: Refer to manufacturer recommendations and provide as required

i 10 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Multi Use Games Area - 5 a side Goals
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: Parts of the framework is unsecured

Action: Secure

6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Multi Use Games Area - 5 a side Goals
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The surface has eroded in some areas and may be slippery in wet conditions
Action: Reinstate the surface

8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Multi Use Games Area - 5 a side Goals
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The nets are not fully secured

Action: Secure nets

8 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Multi Use Games Area - 5 a side Goals
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: Cable ties are present and there are sharp projecting ends

Action: Replace with a more appropriate fixing method

8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Wheeled Sports - Multi Ramp
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: Joints between the riding / rolling surfaces shall not be greater than 5mm in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 14974 – 6.2.4

Action: Take corrective action to ensure that the gaps between the joints do not exceed 5mm

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Wheeled Sports - Quarter Pipe
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The tree canopy overhangs the equipment and is less than 2.0m away

Action: Lift tree canopy to ensure a minimum clearance of 2.0m from the equipment

i 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 1)

Item: Other - Cable Runway
Manufacturer: Sutcliffe Play Limited

Risk Level: N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: We have completed a visual inspection of the suspension links, cable and fixing points from ground level, however it is not possible to fully inspect these areas without either hiring equipment to gain access or removing the cable and suspension and inspecting at ground level. We recommend that the main cable and fixing security is thoroughly inspected at least in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations to check for wear, damage, security or internal rusting; this will help to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment

Action: Inspect in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Other - Cable Runway
Manufacturer: Sutcliffe Play Limited

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is or are fixings missing on the item

Action: Replace all missing fixings

! 12 - Moderate Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Other - Cable Runway
Manufacturer: Sutcliffe Play Limited

Risk Level: M - Moderate Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The seat connector is worn more than 40% and requires replacement

Action: Replace seat connector if possible or replace seat

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Other - Cable Runway
Manufacturer: Sutcliffe Play Limited

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The nylon inserts are worn or missing at the point the cable enters the traveller

Action: Replace worn or missing inserts as required

! 12 - Moderate Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Other - Cable Runway
Manufacturer: Sutcliffe Play Limited

Risk Level: M - Moderate Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The top chain links are worn excessively and require renewing

Action: Replace worn chains

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

Item: Other - Cable Runway
Manufacturer: Sutcliffe Play Limited

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The traveller bearing is showing signs of wear

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace if required

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

Item: Other - Cable Runway
Manufacturer: Sutcliffe Play Limited

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The grass mats are silted up, the soil is compacted and the area will become very slippery when the soil is wet.

Action: Reinstate as required

8 - Low Risk (Finding 8)

Item: Other - Cable Runway
Manufacturer: Sutcliffe Play Limited

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The dampening spring or tyre is damaged or broken on the item

Action: Replace spring or tyre

8 - Low Risk (Finding 9)

Item: Other - Cable Runway
Manufacturer: Sutcliffe Play Limited

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The seat is less than 2.0 metres from the post when extended at 45 degrees at the end of the area of travel and does not meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 4

Action: Adjust the cable stop position to ensure the minimum distance is maintained

6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Sutcliffe Play Limited

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The side of the slide extends less than 500mm above the slide surface at the start section and does not meet the recommendations of BS EN 1176 Part 3

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Sutcliffe Play Limited

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There are a number of dents in the slide surface

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Sutcliffe Play Limited

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment

Action: Clean and treat appropriately

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Sutcliffe Play Limited

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is some evidence of rot in the timber

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Sutcliffe Play Limited

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.2 for head and neck entrapment in the frame

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 6)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Sutcliffe Play Limited

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is/are finger entrapment/s in the frame and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Climbing Frame
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: Bolt cap cover/s missing or damaged

Action: Replace

6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Activity Equipment - Climbing Frame
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process

Action: Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Activity Equipment - Climbing Frame
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There are redundant screws in the post

Action: Remove

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Activity Equipment - Climbing Frame
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The use of synthetic fillers in timber is not recommended; timber being a natural material will expand and contract as the moisture content changes and the use of fillers can exacerbate the length and depth of these cracks or shakes in the timber. The only treatment that is normally required is the removal of any rough or sharp edges unless the structural integrity of the item is affected.

Action: Remove any rough or sharp edges and monitor timber for any further deterioration

6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Activity Equipment - Climbing Frame
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is some wear to the shackles

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Rocking Equipment - See Saw
Manufacturer: Yates Playgrounds Ltd

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.2 for head and neck entrapment in the frame

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Action Play and Leisure

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: This design of swing joint has been known to fail on the weld connecting the joint to the threaded stud

Action: We would recommend that the joint be dismantled and checked on a regular basis or consulting with manufacturer on whether a Secondary Safety Device can be fitted

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Adventure Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process

Action: Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Adventure Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The grass mats are silted up, the soil is compacted and the area will become very slippery when the soil is wet. **Action:** Reinststate as required

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Adventure Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is some evidence of rot in the timber

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Adventure Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The surfacing width under the seat/s is / are less than 875mm when measured from the centre of the seat outwards, and fail the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 2

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Adventure Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The seat/s is / are too close to the frame as defined in BS EN 1176 Part 2

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Adventure Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The bushes are worn or missing

Action: Replace worn or missing bushes

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Adventure Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is some notable evidence of chain wear

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 8)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Adventure Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is some wear to the shackles

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 9)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Adventure Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: Parts of the timber are rough or splintered

Action: Remove all rough or sharp edges

6 - Low Risk (Finding 10)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Adventure Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process. Timber splits may also create rough / splintering edges.

Action: Monitor, sand down any rough edges and ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Rotor Play - Roundabout
Manufacturer: Yates Playgrounds Ltd

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The grass mats are silted up, the soil is compacted and the area will become very slippery when the soil is wet.

Action: Reinstate as required

6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Rotor Play - Roundabout
Manufacturer: Yates Playgrounds Ltd

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The distance between the underside of the roundabout platform and the playing surface is less than 60mm and contravenes the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 5 which requires that the distance be maintained between 60mm-110mm for the entire circumference of the roundabout

Action: Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Rotor Play - Roundabout
Manufacturer: Yates Playgrounds Ltd

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There are projecting bolt thread(s) present

Action: Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap