

## Trap Ground Allotments Risk Assessment Form

A risk assessment was made during March 2017 by Jonathan Clark, Roger Mumby-Croft and Michael Wheale. It updated the original risk assessment made by the committee in 2011.

The process and form used was based upon the form produced by The Allotments Regeneration Initiative. There is more information at <https://www.farmgarden.org.uk/sites/farmgarden.org.uk/files/riskassessmentform.pdf>. The Allotments Regeneration Initiative recommend scoring a risk by calculating “Degree of risk = (Frequency + Severity) x Probability.” See the link above for more guidance.

Hazard	Degree of risk	Action Needed	Date for completion / review
Land contains broken glass and pottery – first aid may be required	$(8 + 5) * 4 = 52$	First aid box installed near shop.	Complete
Rusty jagged edges on fences – potential for injury if somebody falls on.	$(8 + 5) * 2 = 26$	Ensure children are supervised on site. Alert plot-holders of their responsibilities, and notify specific plot-holders where they have such hazards next to a public path.	See above Next newsletter
Use of shared machinery	$(6 + 5) * 2 = 22$	Continue policy of demonstrating safe use of equipment to people wishing to use shared machinery.	On-going
Overhanging trees and brambles by fence – particular risk for mowers	$(4 + 3) * 3 = 21$	Continue program of trimming back when badly overgrown. Request plot holders to keep pathways clear next to their plots.	On-going
Petrol in sheds – fire / explosion risk	$(2 + 8) * 2 = 20$	Alert plot-holders of their responsibility to store petrol in proper containers.	Next newsletter
Ponds – risk of drowning	$(10 + 9) * 1 = 19$	Ensure children are supervised when on-site.	Already part of the association rules
Uncovered wells	$(10 + 9) * 1 = 19$	Complete program of boxing in wells.	Complete

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Bonfires – could cause minor injury	$(4 + 5) * 2 = 18$	OCC bonfire guidance is part of the association rules.	
Bee stings – anaphylactic shock	$(8 + 9) * 1 = 17$	No special action. People at risk should take their own precautions.	
Bamboo canes / stakes – can take your eye out	$(8 + 8) * 1 = 16$	Remind plot-holders of the risk. Warn specific plot-holders where such hazards are next to the paths.	Next newsletter
Chemicals in sheds not stored correctly	$(2 + 7) * 1 = 9$	Is it a risk these days? Remind plot-holders of need for proper storage (i.e. correctly labelled and not in old coke bottles).	Next newsletter
Asbestos cement	$(10 + 9) * 0 = 0$	Remind plot-holders of the dangers of asbestos cement	Next newsletter