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Risk Assessment Matrix

Probability>>

5	Very High	VL	L	M	H	VH
4	High	VL	L	M	H	H
3	Moderate	VL	L	L	M	M
2	Low	VL	L	L	L	L
1	Very Low	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL
		Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High
		1	2	3	4	5

Severity>>

Probability Score	Probability of Occurrence
1 – Very Low	No significant probability; lightning Strike
2 – Low	Minimal probability of occurrence. Requires significant factor or combination of factors to take place. Significant increase in intensity of use.
3 – Moderate	Moderate probability. An added factor is needed to cause an accident. Designed use is unlikely to be problematic, additional factor is required. Covers or guards loose, removed or vandalised. Absent guard rail or barrier at high levels
4 – High	High probability. Accident is probable without any added factor. Glass contaminant in loose fill surface. Exposed sharp edges on equipment.
5 – Very High	Very High probability. If the situation is not addressed an accident is almost certain. Severely worn chains/shackles. Severely damaged surfacing within impact area

Severity Score	Severity of injury
1 – Very Low	No injury likely e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising
2 – Low	Minor injury – Laceration or bruising requiring first aid only
3 – Moderate	Injury requiring medical intervention e.g. laceration requiring stitches, sprain, fracture of small bones of hand or foot.
4 – High	Serious injury including hospitalisation for observation e.g. concussion, fracture of long bones of leg/arm, back/neck injuries, fractured skull.
5 – Very High	Severe injury involving the potential for permanent disability e.g. amputation, loss of sight, spinal injury, fatality.

NB: When we inspect we only see a snapshot of the current condition of the equipment.
It is the operator's 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.

BS EN 1176:2008 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 10075 (Specification for Parkour Equipment)

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Site Information

Inspection Ref: 167541 Site Ref: 25748 Customer Order No: None

Annual Inspection - 28 July 2015 at 15:53 Inspector: Richard Goodson RPII Annual Inspector

Risk Assessment: **8 - Low Risk**

Location: The site is partially overlooked by properties in the local community

Disabled Access: Some accessible features; an area that presents difficulties to the majority of people with disabilities but in favourable circumstances and certainly in partnership can be accessed.

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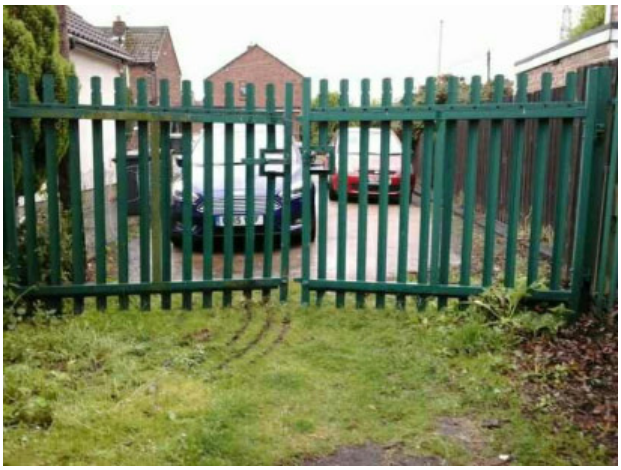
8 - Low Risk

Item:	Ancillary Items - Gate - Maintenance
Manufacturer:	Owner/Operator
Surface Type:	N/A
Equipment Compliance:	N/A
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A
Ref/Part Number:	
Total Findings:	4



Finding 1

The gate has no drop bolt sleeves and/or drop bolts fitted - Provide drop bolt sleeves and/or drop bolts

Finding 2

There is no padlock on the maintenance gate - Provide padlock to secure gate

Finding 3

The gate is snagging on the surrounding surface preventing it from closing correctly - Adjust surface levels to ensure the gate closes correctly

Finding 4

A number of gate hinge fixings(s) have worked loose - Secure all loose fixings

4 - Very Low Risk

Item:	Ancillary Items - Fence
Manufacturer:	Owner/Operator
Surface Type:	N/A
Equipment Compliance:	N/A
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A
Ref/Part Number:	
Total Findings:	1

Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required

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4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Bench
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: N/A
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1

Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required

6 - Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Litter Bin
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: All Weather Surface
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1

Finding 1

The bin liner is missing - Replace liner

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8 - Low Risk

Item:	Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer:	Owner/Operator
Surface Type:	N/A
Equipment Compliance:	N/A
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A
Ref/Part Number:	
Total Findings:	7

Finding 1

It is recommended that information signs with emergency contact details are installed at each entrance/exit point to the playground - Provide in accordance with the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176

Finding 2

There is algae or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions - Clean and treat appropriately

Finding 3

There is some tree debris on the surfacing - Remove and maintain

Finding 4

There are weeds/vegetation growth between or around the edges of the surfacing - Remove weeds/vegetation growth

Finding 5

There are gaps opening in between the tiles - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

Finding 6

The tiles can easily be lifted or are lifting along the edges of the area - Lift and re-glue tiles to secure

Finding 7

The paintwork is worn/damaged on the Spring Animals - Consider repainting as required

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4 - Very Low Risk

Item:	Rocking Equipment - See Saw
Manufacturer:	Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface Type:	Rubber Tiles
Equipment Compliance:	Yes
Surface Area Compliance:	Yes
Ref/Part Number:	
Total Findings:	1

Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required

8 - Low Risk

Item:	Swings - 2 Bay 2 Flat 2 Cradle
Manufacturer:	Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface Type:	Rubber Tiles
Equipment Compliance:	No
Surface Area Compliance:	Yes
Ref/Part Number:	
Total Findings:	4

Finding 1

There are trip hazards at the edges of the impact absorbing surface - Reinstate surrounding surface levels to remove the trip points

Finding 2

The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176 - Monitor use and replace with compliant chains during next maintenance cycle.

Finding 3

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

Finding 4

The seat has minor damage or wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

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6 - Low Risk

Item:	Rocking Equipment - Rocking Rocket
Manufacturer:	Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface Type:	Rubber Tiles
Equipment Compliance:	No
Surface Area Compliance:	Yes
Ref/Part Number:	
Total Findings:	2

Finding 1

There is no gaiter protection for accessible moving parts (possible shear trap) this is a very low risk failure and no remedial action is recommended (BS EN 1176:2008 Part 1; 4.2.6 Moving Parts) - Monitor use

Finding 2

The seating board is worn/damaged - Monitor for further deterioration and repair / replace as required

6 - Low Risk

Item:	Rotor Play - Roundabout
Manufacturer:	Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface Type:	Rubber Tiles
Equipment Compliance:	No
Surface Area Compliance:	Yes
Ref/Part Number:	
Total Findings:	2

Finding 1

The distance between the underside of the roundabout platform and the playing surface is in excess of 110mm 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 use

Finding 2

There are gaps opening in between the tiles - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

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6 - Low Risk

Item:	Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer:	Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface Type:	Rubber Tiles
Equipment Compliance:	No
Surface Area Compliance:	Yes
Ref/Part Number:	
Total Findings:	1

Finding 1

A component from the item was missing and the inspector could not carryout a full assessment of the unit - Carry out regular inspections once components are re installed

8 - Low Risk

Item:	Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer:	Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface Type:	Rubber Tiles
Equipment Compliance:	Yes
Surface Area Compliance:	Yes
Ref/Part Number:	
Total Findings:	2

Finding 1

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

Finding 2

There are trip hazards at the edges of the impact absorbing surface - Reinstate surrounding surface levels to remove the trip points

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8 - Low Risk

Item:	Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Toddler)
Manufacturer:	Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface Type:	Rubber Tiles
Equipment Compliance:	No
Surface Area Compliance:	Yes
Ref/Part Number:	
Total Findings:	4

Finding 1

The firemans pole is less than 350mm from the platform, we consider this to be a low risk finding and no remedial action is required - Monitor use

Finding 2

There is some evidence of fire damage to the surface - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

Finding 3

There is/are finger entrapment/s in the framework and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176:2008 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers - Monitor use

Finding 4

There is/are several inserts missing - Replace missing inserts

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6 - Low Risk

Item:	Rocking Equipment - Spring Horse
Manufacturer:	Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface Type:	Rubber Tiles
Equipment Compliance:	No
Surface Area Compliance:	Yes
Ref/Part Number:	
Total Findings:	3

Finding 1

The end of handgrips and/or footrests have a cross section of less than 15cm2 and fail to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176:2008 Part 6 - This is a relatively low risk failure and no remedial action is recommended

Finding 2

The paintwork on the spring has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting - Treat any rusting components and repaint

Finding 3

The U bolts clamping the spring are slightly loose - Tighten all loose fixings

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6 - Low Risk

Item:	Rocking Equipment - Spring Elephant
Manufacturer:	Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface Type:	Rubber Tiles
Equipment Compliance:	No
Surface Area Compliance:	Yes
Ref/Part Number:	
Total Findings:	3

Finding 1

The end of handgrips and/or footrests have a cross section of less than 15cm2 and fail to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176:2008 Part 6 - This is a relatively low risk failure and no remedial action is recommended

Finding 2

The main body profile has a radius of less than 20mm in places - Monitor Use

Finding 3

The paintwork on the spring has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting - Treat any rusting components and repaint

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6 - Low Risk

Item:	Rocking Equipment - Spring Bike
Manufacturer:	Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface Type:	Rubber Tiles
Equipment Compliance:	No
Surface Area Compliance:	Yes
Ref/Part Number:	
Total Findings:	2

Finding 1

The end of handgrips and/or footrests have a cross section of less than 15cm2 and fail to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176:2008 Part 6 - This is a relatively low risk failure and no remedial action is recommended

Finding 2

The paintwork on the spring has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting - Treat any rusting components and repaint

4 - Very Low Risk

Item:	Rocking Equipment - Spring Horse
Manufacturer:	Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface Type:	Rubber Tiles
Equipment Compliance:	No
Surface Area Compliance:	Yes
Ref/Part Number:	
Total Findings:	1

Finding 1

The end of handgrips and/or footrests have a cross section of less than 15cm2 and fail to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176:2008 Part 6 - This is a relatively low risk failure and no remedial action is recommended

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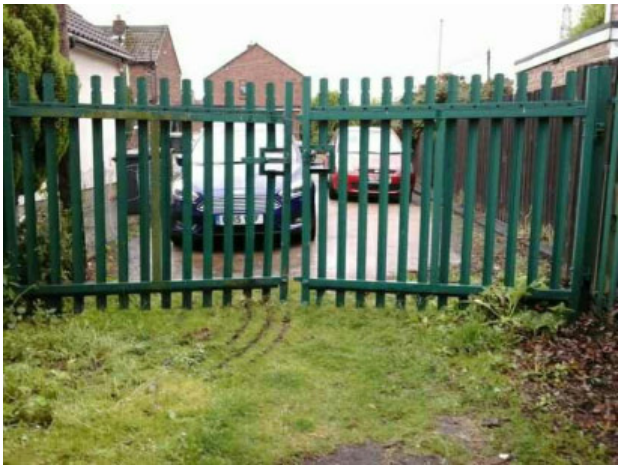
Findings Information

6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Gate - Maintenance
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface: N/A

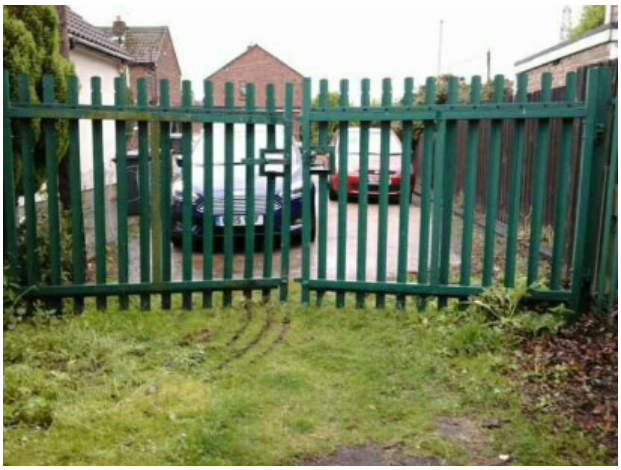


Finding: The gate has no drop bolt sleeves and/or drop bolts fitted

Action: Provide drop bolt sleeves and/or drop bolts

6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Ancillary Items - Gate - Maintenance
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface: N/A



Finding: There is no padlock on the maintenance gate

Action: Provide padlock to secure gate

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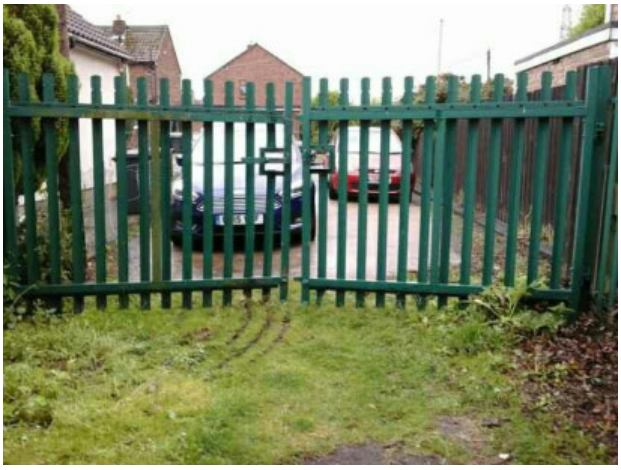
8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Ancillary Items - Gate - Maintenance
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface: N/A

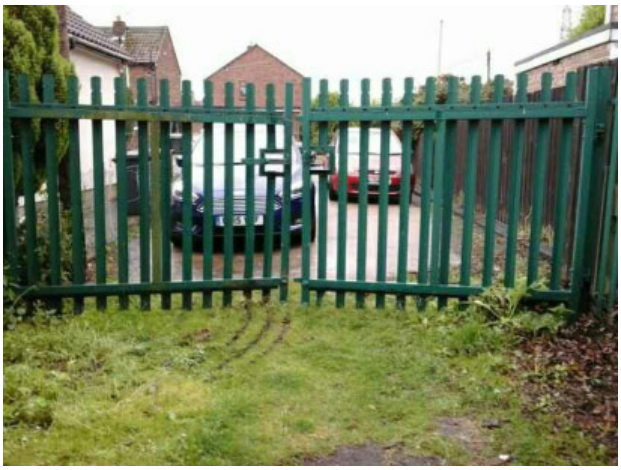


Finding: The gate is snagging on the surrounding surface preventing it from closing correctly

Action: Adjust surface levels to ensure the gate closes correctly

6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Ancillary Items - Gate - Maintenance
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface: N/A



Finding: A number of gate hinge fixings(s) have worked loose

Action: Secure all loose fixings

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6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Litter Bin
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface: All Weather Surface

Finding: The bin liner is missing
Action: Replace liner

8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface: N/A

Finding: There is algae or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions
Action: Clean and treat appropriately

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6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface: N/A

Finding: There is some tree debris on the surfacing
Action: Remove and maintain

2 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface: N/A

Finding: It is recommended that information signs with emergency contact details are installed at each entrance/exit point to the playground
Action: Provide in accordance with the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176

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6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface: N/A

Finding: There are weeds/vegetation growth between or around the edges of the surfacing

Action: Remove weeds/vegetation growth

6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface: N/A

Finding: There are gaps opening in between the tiles

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

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8 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: N/A

Finding: The tiles can easily be lifted or are lifting along the edges of the area

Action: Lift and re-glue tiles to secure

4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 7)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: N/A

Finding: The paintwork is worn/damaged on the Spring Animals

Action: Consider repainting as required

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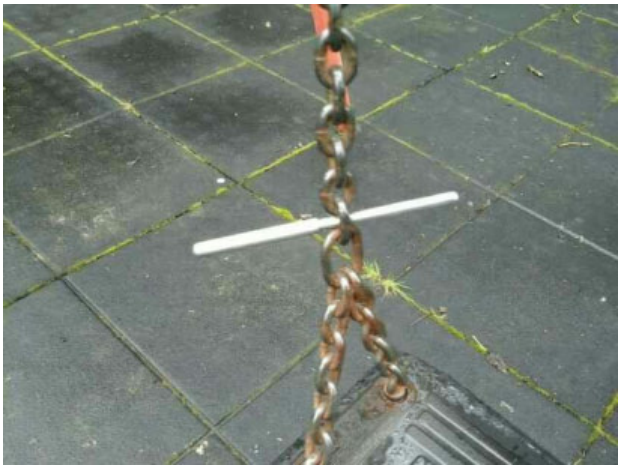
4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Swings - 2 Bay 2 Flat 2 Cradle
Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface: Rubber Tiles

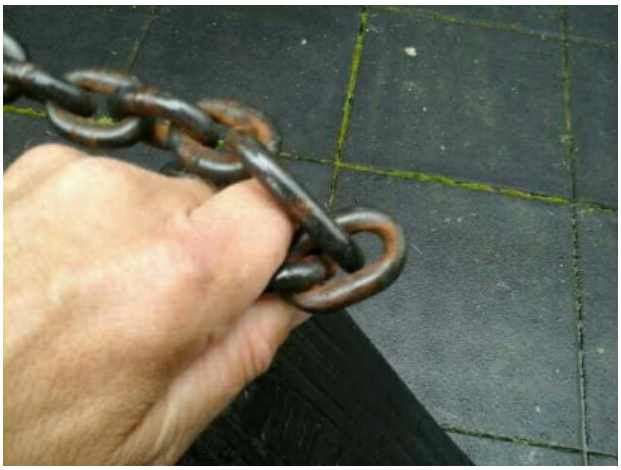


Finding: The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176

Action: Monitor use and replace with compliant chains during next maintenance cycle.

6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Swings - 2 Bay 2 Flat 2 Cradle
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: There is some chain wear

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

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6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Swings - 2 Bay 2 Flat 2 Cradle
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: The seat has minor damage or wear

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Swings - 2 Bay 2 Flat 2 Cradle
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: There are trip hazards at the edges of the impact absorbing surface

Action: Reinstate surrounding surface levels to remove the trip points

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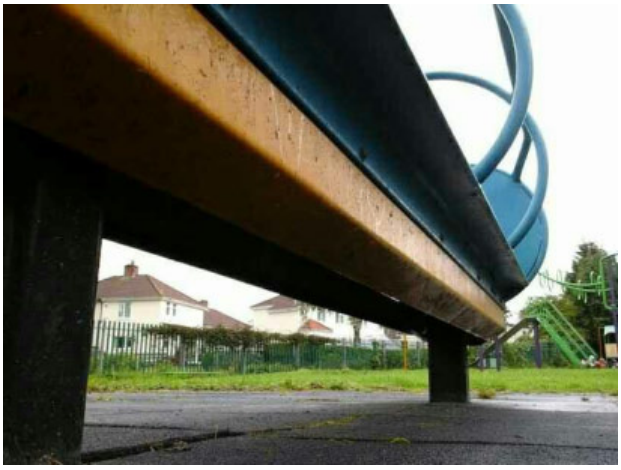
5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Rocking Rocket
Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: There is no gaiter protection for accessible moving parts (possible shear trap) this is a very low risk failure and no remedial action is recommended (BS EN 1176:2008 Part 1; 4.2.6 Moving Parts)

Action: Monitor use

6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Rocking Rocket
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: The seating board is worn/damaged

Action: Monitor for further deterioration and repair / replace as required

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6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Rotor Play - Roundabout
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: The distance between the underside of the roundabout platform and the playing surface is in excess of 110mm 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 use

6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Rotor Play - Roundabout
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: There are gaps opening in between the tiles

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

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6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: A component from the item was missing and the inspector could not carryout a full assessment of the unit

Action: Carry out regular inspections once components are re installed

6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: There are projecting bolt thread(s) present

Action: Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap

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8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: There are trip hazards at the edges of the impact absorbing surface

Action: Reinstate surrounding surface levels to remove the trip points

8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Toddler)
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: The firemans pole is less than 350mm from the platform, we consider this to be a low risk finding and no remedial action is required

Action: Monitor use

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8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Toddler)

Risk Level: L - Low Risk

Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes

Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: There is some evidence of fire damage to the surface

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Toddler)

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk

Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes

Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: There is/are finger entrapment/s in the framework and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176:2008 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers

Action: Monitor use

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6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Toddler)
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: There is/are several inserts missing
Action: Replace missing inserts

4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Horse
Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: The end of handgrips and/or footrests have a cross section of less than 15cm2 and fail to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176:2008 Part 6
Action: This is a relatively low risk failure and no remedial action is recommended

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6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

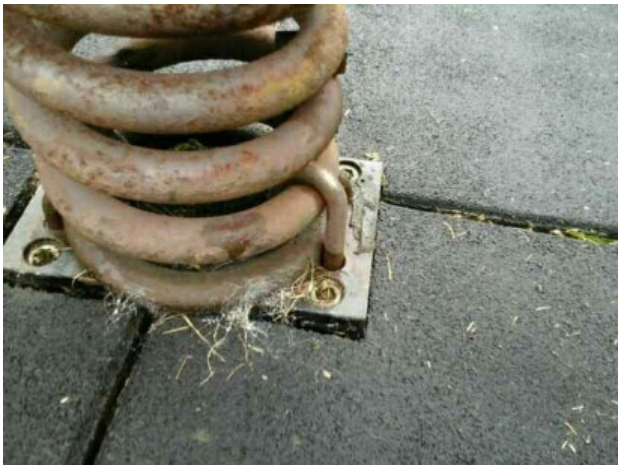
Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Horse
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: The paintwork on the spring has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting

Action: Treat any rusting components and repaint

6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Horse
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: The U bolts clamping the spring are slightly loose

Action: Tighten all loose fixings

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4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Elephant
Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: The end of handgrips and/or footrests have a cross section of less than 15cm2 and fail to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176:2008 Part 6

Action: This is a relatively low risk failure and no remedial action is recommended

6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Elephant
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: The main body profile has a radius of less than 20mm in places

Action: Monitor Use

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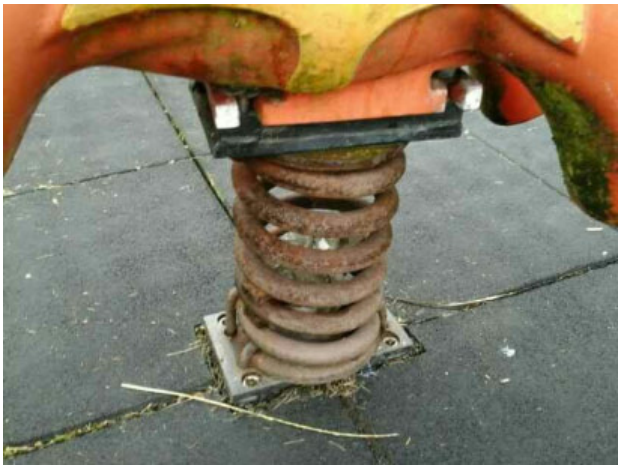
6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Elephant
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: The paintwork on the spring has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting

Action: Treat any rusting components and repaint

4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Bike
Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: The end of handgrips and/or footrests have a cross section of less than 15cm2 and fail to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176:2008 Part 6

Action: This is a relatively low risk failure and no remedial action is recommended

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6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Bike
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: The paintwork on the spring has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting

Action: Treat any rusting components and repaint

4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Spring Horse
Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playscapes
Surface: Rubber Tiles

Finding: The end of handgrips and/or footrests have a cross section of less than 15cm2 and fail to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176:2008 Part 6

Action: This is a relatively low risk failure and no remedial action is recommended