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Annual Inspection

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Inspection Scope for RPII Inspection Methodology

This document outlines the RPII scope for inspections undertaken by the Inspectors listed as Annual Inspectors on the RPII Register of Inspectors when undertaking Indoor Annual, Outdoor Annual, Outdoor Operational and Outdoor Routine 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.

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 but any comments concerning compliance will follow the requirements and recommendations of BS EN 1176.

When water play items, including spray parks, are inspected any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will refer to BS EN 1176. We have not assessed these against the requirements of BS 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 manual test for stability 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. 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.

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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 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 Annual Main Inspection as detailed in the relevant standards.

[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>> | | | | | |
| <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> | | | | | | | | |

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).



Sproughton Playing Fields

Inspection Ref: 1914772

Site Ref: 25870

Inspected: 9-January-2023 - 14:25 by James Law

Risk Assessment: 12 Moderate Risk



Location:

The site is located in an area of public open space and is not directly overlooked by any 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.

! 12 - Moderate Risk

Item: Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: N/A
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 10



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 3

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

Finding 5

The surface is lifting at the edges and creating trip points - Repair perimeter of surfacing to remove trip points

Finding 7

The adjacent foliage is overhanging into the playing area - Cut back and maintain

Finding 9

There are significant gaps (over 30mm) between the surface and the edging or between the joints in the surface; these are large enough for a small foot to enter - Repair surfacing

Finding 2

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

Finding 4

There is weed / vegetation growth on, between, or around the edges of the surfacing - Remove weed / vegetation growth

Finding 6

The grass is overgrown within the play area and may hide hazards - Reduce the length of grass to an acceptable height and maintain

Finding 8

The rotating beam has been removed from the activity trail and has been left in the play area - Repair damaged section of the activity trail

Finding 10

There is damage to the tarmac surface - Repair the damaged areas of surfacing

i 5 - Very Low Risk

Item: Sign
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: N/A
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

It is recommended that signage, with information including the site address, contact information for maintenance issues and emergency contact details are provided for the facility - Provide in accordance with the recommendations

i 4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Sign
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

i 6 - Low Risk

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



Total Findings: 2

Finding 1

The gate/s was / were locked or secured at the time of the inspection and a full inspection could not be undertaken - Complete inspection of gate/s when re-opened

Finding 2

The paint is flaking off the metalwork - Rub down and re-paint

i 6 - Low Risk

Item: Fencing - Flat Top
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A



Total Findings: 1

Finding 1

There is some damage to the fence sections - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

i 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

The fence is damaged in places - Repair or replace all affected sections

i 8 - Low Risk

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



Total Findings: 2

Finding 1

There are areas or parts of the timber on the structure that have rotted - Replace all affected timbers

Finding 2

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

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: Picnic Table
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A



Total Findings: 1

Finding 1

The area around the item has eroded and may become slippery - Reinstate eroded area

i 4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Litter Bin
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A



Total Findings: 1

Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Wet Pour
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 6

Finding 1

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

Finding 2

The chain openings are in excess of 8.6mm and do not meet the recommendations of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

Finding 3

The surface has subsided in some areas - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

Finding 4

The safety surface around the area is beginning to wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

Finding 5

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

Finding 6

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

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Wet Pour
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 5

Finding 1

The safety surface around the area is beginning to wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

Finding 2

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

Finding 3

The chain openings are in excess of 8.6mm and do not meet the recommendations of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

Finding 4

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

Finding 5

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

i 4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Climbing Frame
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 1

Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

i 6 - Low Risk

Item: Rocking Rocket
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Wet Pour
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 5

Finding 1

The paint is flaking off the metalwork - Rub down and re-paint

Finding 2

There is surface corrosion present on the item - Consider treating the item

Finding 3

There is no gaiter protection for accessible moving parts (possible shear trap) as recommended in BS EN 1176 Part 1; 4.2.6 Moving Parts - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

Finding 4

The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.2 for head and neck entrapment in the framework - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

Finding 5

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

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Wet Pour
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: No

Total Findings: 7



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

Finding 2

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

Finding 3

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

Finding 4

There is surface corrosion present on the item - Consider treating the item

Finding 5

The surfacing dimensions are short and do not meet with the requirements of the current applicable standard - Monitor - no remedial action recommended

Finding 6

The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.2 head and neck entrapment in the barriers and/or steps - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

Finding 7

There is / are toggle entrapment/s present in contravention of the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176 Part 3 - Monitor - no remedial work recommended

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: Tractor
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Wet Pour
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 8



Finding 1

There are falls in excess of 600mm between adjacent components on the structure, in contravention of the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176 Part 1; 4.2.8.4 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

Finding 2

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

Finding 3

The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.2 for head and neck entrapment in the framework - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

Finding 4

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

Finding 5

There is/are finger entrapment/s in the starting section of the slide and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

Finding 6

There is / are toggle entrapment/s present in contravention of the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176 Part 3 - Monitor - no remedial work recommended

Finding 7

The fixings have corroded excessively - Replace all corroded fixings

Finding 8

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

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: Activity Trail
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 7

Finding 1

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

Finding 2

The chain openings are in excess of 8.6mm and do not meet the recommendations of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

Finding 3

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

Finding 4

The area around the item has eroded and may become slippery - Reinststate eroded area

Finding 5

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

Finding 6

The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required

Finding 7

The rotating beam is missing from the activity trail - Replace missing component

i 4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Ball Shoot
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: N/A



Total Findings: 1

Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: Goal End
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: N/A



Total Findings: 3

Finding 1

A clearly visible facility sign should be provided in a prominent position with the wording as detailed BS EN 15312- the equipment is not intended for children less than 3 years old- the warning - Do not climb on the framework or nets- the warning - Do not hang on the ring (if provided)- the warning - Do not wear rings or other jewellery- name and telephone number of the administrator- number to call in case of accident - Provide signage to BS EN 15312

Finding 2

The area around the item has eroded and may become slippery - Reinststate eroded area

Finding 3

There is/are finger entrapments in the framework and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 15312 Clause 4.4.2.2 Entrapment of fingers - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: Net Climber
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
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. - Reinststate as required

Finding 2

The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required

Finding 3

There is/are finger entrapment/s in the basket slots and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: Surf Spinner
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 2

Finding 1

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

Finding 2

There are gaps opening between the grass mat tiles - Provide additional ties or secure / reinststate surface

i 4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Sit Up Station
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 1

Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: Cross Trainer
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 2

Finding 1

There are gaps between 8 and 60mm creating a potential crush/shear point in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 16630 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

Finding 2

There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item - Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: Chest Press
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 2

Finding 1

The distance between the underside of the item and the ground is less than the 110mm required by BS EN 16630 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

Finding 2

There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item - Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers

i 4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Overhead Bars
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 1

Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

i 8 - Low Risk

Item: Rower
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 3

Finding 1

BS EN 16630 - 4.3.1 states that fitness equipment shall be designed so when at rest, the equipment shall automatically adjust so that the equipment is ready for the next user - Service the item

Finding 2

There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item - Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers

Finding 3

There are gaps between 8 and 60mm creating a potential crush/shear point in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 16630 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

i 4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Cycle
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes



Total Findings: 1

Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

Findings information

8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: N/A



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

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: N/A



Finding: There is algae, silt or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions

Action: Clean and treat appropriately

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: N/A



Finding: There is some tree debris on the surfacing

Action: Remove and maintain

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: N/A



Finding: There is weed / vegetation growth on, between, or around the edges of the surfacing

Action: Remove weed / vegetation growth

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: N/A



Finding: The surface is lifting at the edges and creating trip points **Action:** Repair perimeter of surfacing to remove trip points

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: N/A



Finding: The grass is overgrown within the play area and may hide hazards

Action: Reduce the length of grass to an acceptable height and maintain

i 9 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: N/A



Finding: The adjacent foliage is overhanging into the playing area

Action: Cut back and maintain

! 12 - Moderate Risk (Finding 8)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: M - Moderate Risk
Surface: N/A



Finding: The rotating beam has been removed from the activity trail and has been left in the play area

Action: Repair damaged section of the activity trail

i 9 - Low Risk (Finding 9)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: N/A



Finding: There are significant gaps (over 30mm) between the surface and the edging or between the joints in the surface; these are large enough for a small foot to enter

Action: Repair surfacing

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 10)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: N/A



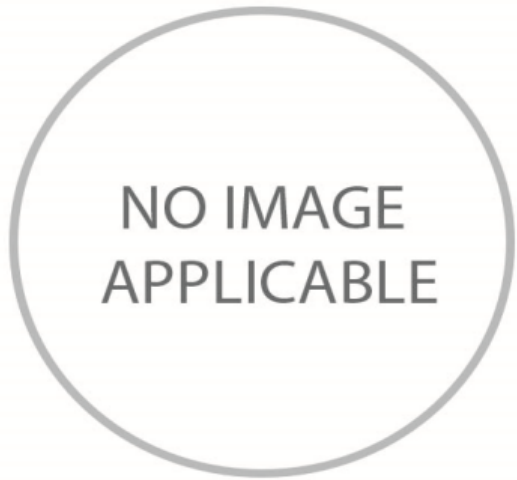
Finding: There is damage to the tarmac surface

Action: Repair the damaged areas of surfacing

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Sign
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: N/A



Finding: It is recommended that signage, with information including the site address, contact information for maintenance issues and emergency contact details are provided for the facility

Action: Provide in accordance with the recommendations

i 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 1)

Item: Gates - Gate - Self Closing
Manufacturer: Not Identified

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



Finding: The gate/s was / were locked or secured at the time of the inspection and a full inspection could not be undertaken

Action: Complete inspection of gate/s when re-opened

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Gates - Gate - Self Closing
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The paint is flaking off the metalwork

Action: Rub down and re-paint

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Fences - Fencing - Flat Top
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There is some damage to the fence sections

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Fences - Fence - Chainlink
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The fence is damaged in places

Action: Repair or replace all affected sections

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Bench
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There are areas or parts of the timber on the structure that have rotted

Action: Replace all affected timbers

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Ancillary Items - Bench
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



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

Action: Treat any rusting components and repaint

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Picnic Table
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



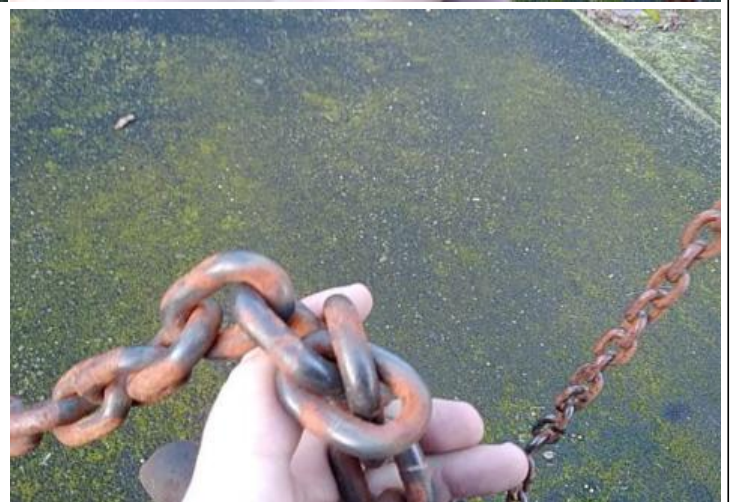
Finding: The area around the item has eroded and may become slippery

Action: Reinstate eroded area

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

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

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There is some notable evidence of chain wear

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

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

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

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The chain openings are in excess of 8.6mm and do not meet the recommendations of BS EN 1176 Part 1

Action: Monitor - No remedial work recommended

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

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

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The surface has subsided in some areas

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

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

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The safety surface around the area is beginning to wear

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

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

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There is some wear to the shackles

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

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

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

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The bushes are worn or missing

Action: Replace worn or missing bushes

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



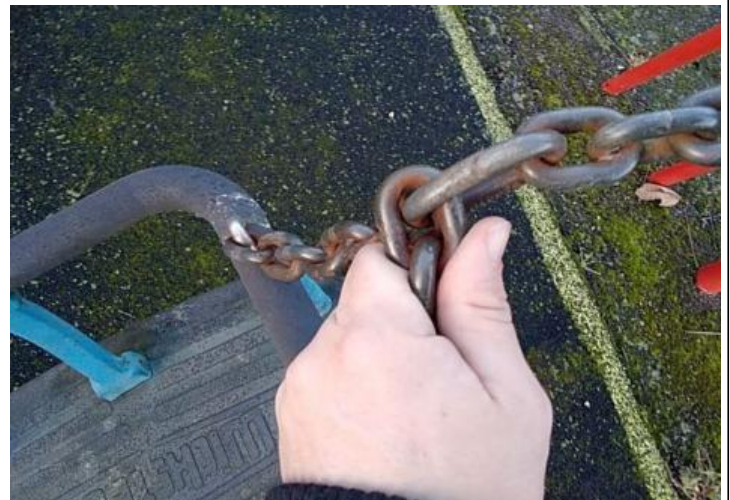
Finding: The safety surface around the area is beginning to wear

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There is some notable evidence of chain wear

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

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The chain openings are in excess of 8.6mm and do not meet the recommendations of BS EN 1176 Part 1

Action: Monitor - No remedial work recommended

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The bushes are worn or missing

Action: Replace worn or missing bushes

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



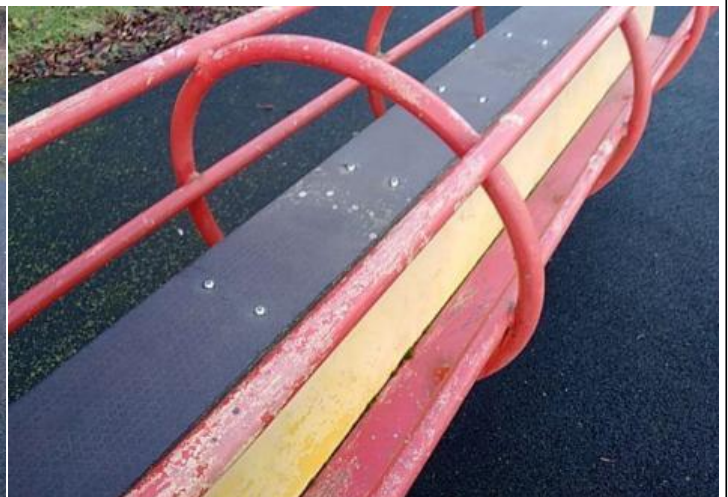
Finding: There is some wear to the shackles

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

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Rocking Rocket
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The paint is flaking off the metalwork

Action: Rub down and re-paint

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Rocking Rocket
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There is surface corrosion present on the item

Action: Consider treating the item

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Rocking Rocket
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There is no gaiter protection for accessible moving parts (possible shear trap) as recommended in BS EN 1176 Part 1; 4.2.6 Moving Parts

Action: Monitor - No remedial work recommended

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Rocking Rocket
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



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 framework

Action: Monitor - No remedial work recommended

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Rocking Equipment - Rocking Rocket
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: Parts of the timber are rough or splintered

Action: Remove all rough or sharp edges

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



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 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



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: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There are projecting bolt thread(s) present

Action: Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There is surface corrosion present on the item

Action: Consider treating the item

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The surfacing dimensions are short and do not meet with the requirements of the current applicable standard

Action: Monitor - no remedial action recommended

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 6)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.2 head and neck entrapment in the barriers and/or steps

Action: Monitor - No remedial work recommended

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 7)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There is / are toggle entrapment/s present in contravention of the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176 Part 3

Action: Monitor - no remedial work recommended

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Tractor
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There are falls in excess of 600mm between adjacent components on the structure, in contravention of the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176 Part 1; 4.2.8.4

Action: Monitor - No remedial work recommended

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Activity Equipment - Tractor
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: A number of fixing(s) have worked loose

Action: Secure all loose fixings

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Activity Equipment - Tractor
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



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 framework

Action: Monitor - No remedial work recommended

i 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Activity Equipment - Tractor
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



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

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Activity Equipment - Tractor
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



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

Action: Monitor - No remedial work recommended

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 6)

Item: Activity Equipment - Tractor
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There is / are toggle entrapment/s present in contravention of the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176 Part 3

Action: Monitor - no remedial work recommended

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

Item: Activity Equipment - Tractor
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The fixings have corroded excessively

Action: Replace all corroded fixings

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 8)

Item: Activity Equipment - Tractor
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



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

Action: Treat any rusting components and repaint

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Activity Trail
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



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

Action: Treat any rusting components and repaint

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Activity Equipment - Activity Trail
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The chain openings are in excess of 8.6mm and do not meet the recommendations of BS EN 1176 Part 1

Action: Monitor - No remedial work recommended

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Activity Equipment - Activity Trail
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There is some notable evidence of chain wear

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

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Activity Equipment - Activity Trail
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The area around the item has eroded and may become slippery

Action: Reinststate eroded area

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Activity Equipment - Activity Trail
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



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

Action: Clean and treat appropriately

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

Item: Activity Equipment - Activity Trail
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places

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

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

Item: Activity Equipment - Activity Trail
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The rotating beam is missing from the activity trail **Action:** Replace missing component

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Multi Use Games Area - Goal End
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: A clearly visible facility sign should be provided in a prominent position with the wording as detailed BS EN 15312- the equipment is not intended for children less than 3 years old- the warning - Do not climb on the framework or nets- the warning - Do not hang on the ring (if provided)- the warning - Do not wear rings or other jewellery- name and telephone number of the administrator- number to call in case of accident

Action: Provide signage to BS EN 15312

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Multi Use Games Area - Goal End
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The area around the item has eroded and may become slippery

Action: Reinststate eroded area

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Multi Use Games Area - Goal End
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There is/are finger entrapments in the framework and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 15312 Clause 4.4.2.2 Entrapment of fingers

Action: Monitor - No remedial work recommended

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Net Climber
Manufacturer: Wicksteed 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:** Reinstate as required

i 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Activity Equipment - Net Climber
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

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



Finding: The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places **Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required

i 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Activity Equipment - Net Climber
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

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



Finding: There is/are finger entrapment/s in the basket slots and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers
Action: Monitor - No remedial work recommended

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Rotor Play - Surf Spinner
Manufacturer: Wicksteed 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: Reinstate as required

6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Rotor Play - Surf Spinner
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

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



Finding: There are gaps opening between the grass mat tiles

Action: Provide additional ties or secure / reinstate surface tiles

8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Cross Trainer
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

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



Finding: There are gaps between 8 and 60mm creating a potential crush/shear point in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 16630

Action: Monitor - No remedial work recommended

i 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Cross Trainer **Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds **Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item **Action:** Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Chest Press **Risk Level:** L - Low Risk
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds **Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The distance between the underside of the item and the ground is less than the 110mm required by BS EN 16630 **Action:** Monitor - No remedial work recommended

i 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Chest Press
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

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



Finding: There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item

Action: Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Rower
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

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



Finding: BS EN 16630 - 4.3.1 states that fitness equipment shall be designed so when at rest, the equipment shall automatically adjust so that the equipment is ready for the next user

Action: Service the item

i 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Rower
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

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



Finding: There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item

Action: Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers

i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Rower
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

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



Finding: There are gaps between 8 and 60mm creating a potential crush/shear point in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 16630

Action: Monitor - No remedial work recommended