

Outdoor Areas

Traffic / vehicle safety

Ensure a Risk Assessment considers the traffic, the risk from vehicle movements on your premises and manage those risks in line with current workplace transport guidance e.g. segregation, marking and lighting **in the area and the movement of vehicles.**

Schools should consider in their risk assessment vehicle movements occurring immediately outside the school premises which may be associated with school activities, such as:

- Staff arriving and leaving work
- School buses delivering pupils
- Delivery vehicles: can they be arranged for arrival outside of core arrival / departure hours?



Trees and foliage on site

- Do you have any trees under a Tree Protection Order (TPO)?

If there are trees with TPOs against them, there might be tree management plans which may include more regular testing or people visiting.

If you have a TPO this will be stored on Concerto, or you can contact the District Council who will have a list of trees covered.

- Are there any trees that could trigger known allergies? E.g. Hazelnut trees

Trees that could trigger allergies. It all needs risk assessing, it may be that the tree is far enough out of the way to not cause a problem. Or maybe it can be fenced off. It's just making sure that you are aware of what types of trees are on your site.

- Regular inspections of the trees to check for damage or potential diseases

These will include maybe a recorded monthly check from the caretaker, or after a storm or heavy weather, going round to check for any damage. Or it may be an external competent company who can come and identify any problems or potential problems.

- Nettles, brambles under control with regular maintenance

Trying to keep weeds under control including nettles and brambles. They spread so quickly it's just worth ensuring its part of regular maintenance and doing it little and often. Obviously consider chemicals used for these, ensure COSHH compliant etc.

- Any trees on or near the playground? Keep an eye on the roots they can come through the surface and create a trip hazard

Trees near the playground or paths, roots can break free and cause problems. Again, just making sure you keep an eye and become aware if these things happen.



Play equipment

You need to consider any fixed play equipment (inside or outside) – Trim Trails for example

- Must be inspected regularly

These should be part of the morning checks your caretaker may carry out. Making sure they haven't been vandalised in the night or that they're not covered in bird excrement. If these checks aren't completed by your caretaker, they could become part of 'pre use' checks carried out by midday supervisors perhaps. Make sure these checks are recorded or are part of your procedures somewhere.

- Must be inspected yearly by a competent company who will then provide you with a report for insurance purposes

We have competent, trained people to check the structures and their fixings etc. These are usually external companies who will come in, check things over and provide a report and certificate or report.

- ❑ Included in Risk Assessment

Ensure the equipment is included in Risk Assessments, list your control measures e.g. supervision and regular checks.



Risk Assessment Template:



HS Risk Assessment
Template with Register