

Safety Alert



SUBJECT: Broken Bones in Schools

RECIPIENTS: All LCC Maintained Schools

ISSUE DATE: June 2026

REF: HSA29

Broken bones in schools

Over the last year the LCC Accident Incident Reporting (AIR) system has received 94 reports of broken bones happening within our schools. 13 of which happened to our employees.

We know that not all maintained schools are using AIR as their reporting platform and so these are just the cases we have been made aware of.



July last year was the busiest month for breaks being reported through the AIR system whilst schools are only present for a couple of weeks, however, the amount of sports activities being played, outside play on the field and sports days increase...weather permitting!

LCC appreciates that children run, all the time and accidents happen. We just need to ensure we have done all in our power to reduce that risk to an acceptable level.

How can we do this?

- Ensure all play activity is included onto a risk assessment – this includes fixed play equipment.
- Ensure adequate supervision has been thought of, identified within the risk assessment and this is in place during the activity is being undertaken.
- Ensure you have instructed children on how to behave on play equipment and in the playground.
- Ensure fields are checked for animal activity e.g. mole or rabbit holes.
- Do not overload the fixed play equipment, there will be maximum capacities stated by the manufacturer.

Safety Alert



- Ensure play equipment is checked regularly including visual pre use checks.
- Checklist templates are available here: [Fixed Play Equipment Checklists.docx](#)

Whilst all accidents must be recorded, LCC asks that ideally all accidents, incidents and near misses are recorded through the Accident Incident Reporting (AIR) system.

It is also good practice to record 'near misses' that, if the accident had actually occurred, could have resulted in significant injury or loss.

However, in an educational setting LCC recognises the practical difficulties that the above requirements would create and is mindful that in some cases the usefulness of the data provided is unlikely to justify the effort involved in both providing and processing it.

So, we ask that you report these sorts of accidents on AIR as a minimum:

All accidents/incidents etc. to employees or members of the public;

All accidents/incidents to pupils/students that result in the injured person receiving or being advised to seek professional medical attention (Doctor, Nurse, Hospital, etc.);

Any incident that is perceived might give rise to litigation;

Any incident that results in a person leaving the site prematurely as a result of the injury;

Any head injury (in pupils, if you let the parents know)

Any injury that requires significant first aid

The accident can also be added to your local source (e.g. accident book as well if you wish)

Reporting accidents on AIR will also advise if the accident needs to be reported to the HSE under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR).

The Corporate Health and Safety Team have also now made the '**Slips, Trips and Falls**' training available to employees on Lincs2Learn.

More information can be found on the H&S for Schools Professionals pages: [Health and Safety for Schools – Professional resources](#)

If you require further assistance or clarification on the subject, please contact:
[The Corporate Health and Safety Team](#)