

ANTONY PARISH COUNCIL

PLAY AREA RISK ASSESSMENT

This Play Area Risk Assessment was adopted by the council on 16th July 2026

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Review: Annually

1. Introduction

This risk assessment identifies hazards associated with the operation, inspection, maintenance and public use of the children's play areas managed by Antony Parish Council. It outlines control measures to reduce risks to users, staff, contractors and members of the public.

There are two play areas within Antony Parish.

- The Antony play area is located: Abbotscourt Lane, Antony PL11 3AA
- The Wilcove play area is located: Pengelly Hill, Wilcove, PL11 2PH

Regular visual inspections are carried out by the parish council and annual inspections are carried out by an independent playground inspection company. The Clerk holds copies of these inspection reports. Antony Parish Council holds £10m of public liability insurance.

2. Risk Assessment

Item	Who is at risk	Risk Identified	Management of Risk	Risk Level
Play Equipment	Children	Falls, collisions, trips, entrapment, splinters,	Equipment installed to current standards. Reported accidents will be logged by the Clerk. Regular visual inspection. Annual independent inspections. Necessary repairs carried out by a competent person. Hazardous material removed/taped off.	Medium
Paths, Safety Surface, Open grass	All users	Trips, slips and uneven surfaces	Grass management carried out by a 3 rd party contractor with their own public liability insurance and risk assessments. Regular inspections for safety defects. Grit bin nearby for winter use	Low

Fencing	All users	Loose posts, splinters	Regular inspections and repairs carried out according to risk posed. Fence removed if in a dangerous condition and temporary one erected.	Low
Football Goal	All Users	Loose fitting	A goal has be constructed out of drainpipe pipes and fixed to the fencing. Fastenings are visually checked.	Low
Seating	All users	Loose fitting, splinters, sharp edges	Regular inspections and repairs carried out according to risk posed. Defective seating removed from use. Seating constructed of durable materials. Seating is not fixed to the ground as users like to move it to preferred positions. Potential risk of bench falling but this risk has been deemed very low.	Low
Dog foul	All users	Hygiene issue	'No Dogs' signs erected. Grass length maintained by 3 rd party contractor.	Low
Gates	All users	Pinch points, faulty latches, injury from swinging gates	Regular inspections and repairs carried out according to risk posed.	Low
Vegetation	All users	Hazardous vegetation growing	There is no hazardous vegetation in the play areas. Grass management by 3 rd party contractor who has their own public liability insurance and risk assessments. Regular inspections for safety defects.	Low
Vehicular access	All users	Unauthorised vehicular access	Fence to prevent unauthorised vehicular entry	Low

Events	All users	Falls, trips, knocks	Maximum of 500 people permitted at any event Review of the risk assessment prior to an event and any necessary actions taken Accessibility requirements should be considered in emergency planning where large numbers of people are expected to be present. Emergency access must be maintained at all times. Where food is being provided this must be supervised by someone who is hygiene certified.	Low
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