| Risk assessment and management – Learning experience – Outdoor Equipment (Swings, Monkey Bars & Climbing Equipment) | | | | | |
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| **Experience:** *Use of outdoor play equipment such as swings, monkey bars and climbing equipment.* | | | **Overview of the experience –** *The children will have the opportunity to play on outdoor equipment during outdoor play.* | | |
| **Rationale –** *The children will be able to engage in physical activity, developing their gross motor skills whilst developing proprioception and vestibular system. The children will also develop social skills such as turn-taking and awareness of fairness and personal safety.* | | | **Who will be participating? –** *The children attending the service will have the opportunity to participate, as well as the educator.* | | |
| **Where will the experience occur? – *T****his learning experience will occur in the outdoor environment* | | |
| **Link to children’s learning outcomes –**  *EYLF LO 2.3 – Children become aware of fairness.*  *EYLF LO 3.2 - Children become strong in their physical learning and wellbeing.*  *EYLF LO 3.1 – Children become strong in their social, emotional, and mental wellbeing* | | | **What will the children be doing? –** *Taking turns taking turns on the outdoor equipment.* | | |
| **What equipment will they be using? –** *Variety of outdoor equipment including, swings, monkey bars and climbing equipment depending on age* | | | **Who will be leading the experience? –** *The educator will be actively supervising the experience, ensuring safety and that each child is able to participate.* | | |
| **Risk Identified** | **Risk assessment  (use matrix)** | **Elimination/control measures** | | **Who** | **When** |
| Injury due to child falling off outdoor equipment, swings, monkey bars, climbing equipment. | **Likelihood**: Likely  **Consequence:** Significant  **Overall Risk:** High | * Active supervision by educator * Educate children about rules and expectations of outdoor equipment, swings, monkey bars and climbing equipment. * Enforce safe swinging rules, e.g. always hold on, always stop before getting off, use age-appropriate swings, keep feet up * Role model safe behaviour * Soft fall mats or grass under outdoor equipment, swings, monkey bars, climbing equipment. * Monitor height child can swing and climb, depending on age and skill * Educator has current first aid and CPR training | |  | Prior to use and during use.  First aid training 3-yearly and CPR training annually |
| Injury to child being struck by a swing | **Likelihood:** Possible  **Consequence:** Significant  **Overall Risk:** High | * Active supervision by educator * Educate children about rules and expectations whilst on swings. * Children are to stand on grass area, never in swing zone whilst someone is on swing. * Role model safe behaviour * If educator cannot effectively supervise, swings must not be used and kept tied up. * Educator has current first aid and CPR training | |  | Prior to use and during use.  First aid training 3-yearly and CPR training annually |
| Injury due to unsafe use of outdoor equipment, swings, monkey bars, climbing equipment | **Likelihood:** Possible  **Consequence:** Significant  **Overall Risk:** High | * Active supervision by educator. * Use age-appropriate swing seats. * Educate children about rules and expectations of outdoor equipment, swings, monkey bars, climbing equipment. * Clear area around outdoor equipment, swings, monkey bars, climbing equipment. * Children not allowed in swing zone. * Role model safe behaviour. * Tie swings up when not in use * Children never to use outdoor equipment, swings, monkey bars, climbing equipment without supervision. * Monitor height child can climb/swing, depending on age and skill. * Educator has current first aid and CPR training * Soft fall mats or grass underneath outdoor equipment, swings, monkey bars, climbing equipment. | |  | Prior to use and during use.  First aid training 3-yearly and CPR training annually |
| Injury due to malfunction/damaged outdoor equipment, swings, monkey bars, climbing equipment. | **Likelihood:** Unlikely  **Consequence:** Significant  **Overall Risk:** Moderate | * Ensure outdoor equipment, swings, monkey bars, climbing equipment are maintained by completing daily safety checks, including:   + Ropes for fraying and weakness. Remove if any damage noted.   + Check seats to ensure there is no breakage or weakness,   + Attachment points and swing hooks. Replace when necessary.   + Soft fall mats or grass underneath outdoor equipment, swing, monkey bars, climbing equipment.   + Ensure frames for all equipment is in good repair with no breaks to joints. * Educator has current first aid and CPR training | |  | Daily  First aid training 3-yearly and CPR training annually |

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| **Risk Matrix** | | | | | | |
| Consequences | Likelihood | | | | | |
|  | Rare | Unlikely | Possible | Likely | Almost Certain |
| Major | Moderate | High | High | Critical | Critical |
| Significant | Moderate | Moderate | High | High | Critical |
| Moderate | Low | Moderate | Moderate | High | High |
| Minor | Very low | Low | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate |
| Insignificant | Very low | Very low | Low | Moderate | Moderate |

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| **Yearly Review of Risk Assessment** | |
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