Policies and Procedures: Risk Assessment.

The Early Years Foundation Stage requires childcare providers to conduct risk assessments and review them regularly.

I check my home and garden every morning before the minded children arrive to ensure that it is a safe environment for the children to play in.

I have risk assessments for most aspects of the setting (paddling pool, pets etc) and for activities we regularly carry out (collecting eggs, making loom bands).

I also risk assess any environment that I take the children in for example walking to school, the shops, the library and toddler groups etc. If I am planning to take the children into environments that are unknown to me I try to do a risk assessment in advance so I am always aware of any potential hazards. If the place I am planning to take the children to has a risk assessment on its website, I will use this to aid my own.

If I go somewhere spontaneously or something happens (Eg a swarm of bees appears) a mental risk assessment will be made, possibly with some notes being jotted down. This will be written up at a later date.

I record my assessments on sheets and these are stored in a file. These documents are available for any parent to see on request as well as Ofsted.

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