

Y-Kidz Risk Assessment Policy

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1. Y-Kidz Risk Assessment Policy

Y-Kidz uses its risk assessment systems to ensure that the Club is a safe and secure place for children and staff. All staff are expected to undertake risk assessments as part of their routine tasks.

In line with current health and safety legislation and the EYFS Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements 2025, the Club will carry out regular risk assessments and take appropriate action to deal with any hazards or risks identified. Risk assessments must include supervision arrangements, toileting privacy, safer eating requirements, and allergy/choking prevention measures. Risk assessments must include site-specific risks such as arrival/collection procedures, perimeter security, outdoor play boundaries, visitors, and fire evacuation routes. Risk assessments for activities and outings must ensure PFA cover.

It is the responsibility of the manager to ensure that risk assessments are conducted, monitored and acted upon.

Risk assessments will be carried out:

- Whenever there is any change to equipment or resources
- When there is any change Y-Kidz premises
- When the particular needs of a child necessitates this
- If we take children on an outing

Not all risk assessments need to be written down. Staff will decide, in consultation with the manager, which risk assessments need to be formally recorded. However risk assessments related to employment and the working environment will be always be recorded in writing so that staff can refer to them.

If changes are required to Y-Kidz policies or procedures as a result of the risk assessment, the manager will update the relevant documents and inform all staff.

Daily checks:

We will carry out a visual inspection of the equipment and the whole premises (indoors and out) daily before any children arrive. Daily checks must also include toilets, handwashing facilities, fire exits, first aid kits, outdoor areas, electrical hazards, and food preparation areas. These are also signed off on daily checklists. During the course of the session, staff will remain alert to any potential risks to health and safety.

If a member of staff discovers a hazard during the course of a session, they will make the area safe (e.g. by cordoning it off) and then notify the manager or the site lead. The manager or site

lead will ensure that any actions needed to mitigate the immediate hazard have been taken and will implement measures to prevent the incident from recurring.

Recording dangerous events:

The manager will record all accidents and dangerous events on the **Incident or Accident Record** sheets as soon as possible after the incident. If the incident affected a child, the record will be kept on the child's file. The Club will monitor **Incident and Accident Records** to see whether any pattern to the occurrences can be identified.

Following any incident, risk assessments must be reviewed, patterns monitored, and staff training updated accordingly.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead must review safeguarding-related risk assessments, including risks linked to SEND, behaviour, and environmental hazards.