

# Childminder's Risk Assessment Sheet

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## **CHILDMINDERS RISK ASSESSMENT SHEET – EYFS Suitable premises, environment and equipment**

**You can use this risk assessment form** to help you carry out a written risk assessment of your working environment. The risk assessment should cover all areas that you will be working in, including the garden and car. If you identify any hazards you will need to deal with them before you admit children to that area.

**Complete this risk assessment form** to record any risks you identify. You should sign and date it and keep the original on file as evidence for Ofsted.

It is a requirement that you provide a safe and healthy environment for the children in your care. You will have covered health and safety in your registration training and you need to be confident in your ability to assess and manage risks. It is your responsibility to do this on a regular basis.

The checklist covers many common safety hazards found in family homes. It is not exhaustive, and you may identify other risks, which you should include in your risk assessment or add to the form. Many of the risks relate to working with young children and babies and, when carrying out the assessment, you should consider the ages and stages of development of the children you care for. For example, if you are only caring for older children, you may allow them access to the stairs while, with younger children, you may use a stair gate or prevent access to the stairs by ensuring doors are kept shut.

You should also carry out a visual check of your home every day but, once every six months you should complete a written assessment of your working environment, or carry out a risk assessment as changes occur for example moving house or change in age or development stage of a child.

**If you require any assistance with risk assessing, please contact the Childminding Development Team by telephoning 01454 868008.**

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## Living room/dining room (Living/indoor play areas)

What are the hazards	Who could this cause harm to and how	What is already in place	Identify any further action needed	Putting the assessment in to action		
				By whom	By when	Date completed
Fireguards not in place and not fitted securely on all fires and portable heaters	Child – burning or falling					
Radiators or room thermostat not set at safe temperature below or above (19–21°C)	Children too cold or too hot. Radiator too hot to touch					
No window locks? Window locks not secured where necessary?	Child opening the window and falling, or trapped fingers					
No safety glass/film where necessary (e.g. patio doors, coffee tables, cabinets, fish tanks)	Child at risk of breaking glass and being cut. Significant harm to child / adult					
Overloaded electrical sockets	All – fire hazard					
Cupboards accessible to children No safety catches on cupboards where necessary	Access to dangerous substances including alcohol, tobacco, matches, plastic bags etc. Trapped fingers					
No socket covers in place	Risk of being electrocuted					
Access to Stick on / Plug in air fresheners	Children at risk of a choking hazard or poisoning / allergic reaction					
Table cloths hanging within reach of small children	Heavy or hot objects falling on children					
Cords trailing from curtains/blinds	Children – possibility of being hanged					

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Floor coverings not securely fitted and clean	All - slipping, tripping, unhygienic					
Potentially harmful houseplants in reach of children	Skin rash or poisoning if eaten					
Electrical cables trailing	All – tripping, strangulation and electrocution					
Access to computer wires	Children – electrocution, tripping and strangulation					
Game console trailing leads	All - tripping and strangulation					
Other						
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## Kitchen

What are the hazards	Who could this cause harm to and how	What is already in place	Identify any further action needed	Putting the assessment in to action		
				By whom	By when	Date completed
Work surfaces not clean or broken, anti-bacterial cleaner not used	Unhygienic, all at risk of germs and ill health					
Electrical equipment, including leads in reach of small children	Children electrocuting themselves or heavy items falling on them					
Food preparation equipment not maintained in clean state (especially chopping boards)	Unhygienic, all at risk of germs and ill health					
Sterilising equipment not in use where appropriate	Children at risk of germs and ill health					
Fridge not kept at 4-5 °C and freezer not at 18°C	All, food not stored adequately could lead to ill health					
Food not covered in fridge and raw meat not kept in the bottom	All – Cross contamination of food, children at risk of ill health					
Fire blanket not wall mounted and sited appropriately	All – Fire risk					
Window locks not secured where necessary	Child opening the window and falling, or trapped fingers					
Safety glass/film not fitted where necessary (e.g. patio doors)	All - at risk of breaking glass and being cut. Significant harm					
No safety catches on cupboards and drawers where necessary	Access to dangerous substances including alcohol, tobacco, matches, plastic bags etc Trapped fingers					
Dangerous/sharp cooking utensils not stored safely	Children - cuts					

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				<i>By whom</i>	<i>By when</i>	<i>Date completed</i>
Socket covers not in place	Risk of being electrocuted					
Children have access to Stick on / Plug in air fresheners	Children at risk of a choking hazard or poisoning / allergies					
Table cloths hanging within reach of small children	Objects falling on children					
Floor coverings not securely fitted and clean	All - slipping, tripping, unhygienic					
Waste bins not securely closed and maintained in clean condition	All – health risk and children able to access inappropriate objects					
Washing machine/dryer, freezer not securely	Children – trapped possible death					
Gate/barrier not fitted securely where appropriate	Children – falling or gaining access to inappropriate areas					
Potentially harmful houseplants not out of children’s reach	Skin rash or poisoning if eaten, allergies					
Access through the kitchen to the garage	Children – access to inappropriate areas & equipment, poisoned by chemicals, falling or getting trapped					
Overloaded plug sockets	All - fire risk					
Unhygienic dishcloths, mops and tea towels	All - illness					
Other						

**Please consider flood damage and if asbestos or asbestos tiles need removing.**

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## Hall and Stairs

<i>What are the hazards</i>	<i>Who could this cause harm to and how</i>	<i>What is already in place</i>	<i>Identify any further action needed</i>	<i>Putting the assessment in to action</i>		
				<i>By whom</i>	<i>By when</i>	<i>Date completed</i>
Stair gates not positioned and secured adequately	Children – falling or gaining access to inappropriate areas					
Smoke detectors not tested or functioning effectively and tests not dated	All – death in case of fire or smoke inhalation					
Window locks not secured where necessary	Child opening the window and falling, or trapped fingers					
Doors not securely fastened as appropriate to age of children	Children – escaping outside or shutting adult out. Allowing intruders in.					
No Safety glass/film where necessary (e.g. glass panel at bottom of stairs)	Child at risk of breaking glass and being cut					
Floor and stair coverings not securely fitted and clean	All - slipping, tripping, unhygienic					
Banisters and handrails not secure – not boarded in	Children – falling, serious accident or death of a child					
Socket covers not in place	Risk of being electrocuted					
Children have access to Stick on / Plug in air fresheners	Children at risk of a choking hazard or poisoning					
No Safety catches on cupboards where necessary Asbestos removed	Access to dangerous substances including alcohol, tobacco, matches, plastic bags etc Trapped fingers					

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				<i>By whom</i>	<i>By when</i>	<i>Date completed</i>
Potentially harmful houseplants in reach of children	Skin rash or poisoning if eaten					
Access through the hall to the garage	Children – access to inappropriate areas & equipment, poisoned by chemicals, falling or getting trapped					
Other						
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## Bathroom and Toilet

<i>What are the hazards</i>	<i>Who could this cause harm to and how</i>	<i>What is already in place</i>	<i>Identify any further action needed</i>	<i>Putting the assessment in to action</i>		
				<i>By whom</i>	<i>By when</i>	<i>Date completed</i>
Toilet bowls and seats, potties and wash basins not maintained in hygienic condition	All – ill health, germs, unhygienic					
Splash back tiles not clean and broken	All – ill health, germs, unhygienic					
Floor coverings not securely fitted and clean	All - slipping, tripping, unhygienic					
Step not available for small children to use toilet, if appropriate	Child – fall getting on to the toilet					
Waste bins not securely closed and not maintained in clean condition	All – health risk. Children able to access inappropriate objects - choking					
Electrical appliances not operated by pull switch	All – electrocution					
No Safety catches on cupboards where necessary	Children - Accessible contents including medication, toiletries/cosmetics, razor blades and cleaning materials, choking, poisoning, cuts etc					
Nappy changing area not maintained in clean condition and no hygienic procedures used for nappy disposal	All – germs, ill health, unhygienic					

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Potentially harmful houseplants in reach of children	Children - Skin rash or poisoning if eaten					
Children have access to air fresheners	Children at risk of a choking hazard or poisoning					
Bath or sink overflowing	All – risk of flood damage					
Water too hot	Children – risk of scalding / burns					
Access to cleaning materials	Children – poisoning and burns					
Unhygienic, flannels , towels , sponges	All - illness					
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## Bedrooms

<i>What are the hazards</i>	<i>Who could this cause harm to and how</i>	<i>What is already in place</i>	<i>Identify any further action needed</i>	<i>Putting the assessment in to action</i>		
				<i>By whom</i>	<i>By when</i>	<i>Date completed</i>
Fireguards not in place and fitted securely on all fires and portable heaters	Child – burning or the fire guard falling on them					
Radiators not set at safe temperature	Children too cold or too hot. Radiator too hot to touch risk of burns					
Children have access to Stick on / Plug in air fresheners	Children at risk of a choking hazard or poisoning					
Window locks not secured where necessary	Child opening the window and falling, or trapped fingers Outside Access from strangers					
No Safety glass/film where necessary	Child/Adult at risk of breaking glass and being cut					
No Safety catches on cupboards where necessary	Children – trapped fingers or access to contents					
Accessible cupboards – access to dangerous substances including medication, toiletries/cosmetics, alcohol and tobacco	Children: At risk of choking, poisoning and trapped fingers					
No Socket covers in place.	Children – electrocution					
No Clean, separate linen and bedding	Children – Cross contamination & unhygienic					

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Access to rooms to which children are not permitted - access not secured	Children – at risk, inappropriate access					
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## Outside

What are the hazards	Who could this cause harm to and how	What is already in place	Identify any further action needed	Putting the assessment in to action		
				By whom	By when	Date completed
Doors to cellar or balcony not secured	All – falling					
Drain and manhole covers not secured	All – falling, tripping, trapped legs etc					
Patios, paving stones and steps not securely laid	All – falling, tripping etc					
Walls, fences and gates not secured and in good state of repair  Stray dogs which have access to property	Children – escaping to inappropriate areas, splinters from wooden gates, choking and toxins from peeling paint All - dog attack/bites					
Waste bins not securely closed and not maintained in clean condition	All – health risk and children able to access inappropriate objects, risk of child climbing in to the bin and becoming trapped					
Barriers not in place to stop children's access to greenhouses, cold frames, ponds, streams or fountains or water butts, and to steep steps as appropriate	Children – access to inappropriate areas & equipment, poison by Plants/bulbs or chemicals, death by drowning, cut by glass, falling or getting trapped					
Access to the garage, garden shed and outhouses	Children – access to inappropriate areas & equipment, poisoned by chemicals, falling or getting trapped					

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Garden, car maintenance DIY equipment and materials, and sporting equipment, e.g. fishing tackle not secured & out of reach	Children – access to inappropriate areas, materials & equipment, poisoned by chemicals, hanging on fishing line and hooks embedded in fingers.					
Outside play equipment inappropriately positioned, not clean, in good repair and not securely anchored as necessary	Children – falling head injuries, internal injuries, broken bones					
Garden not checked before play and not free of animal waste	Children – inappropriate access, ill health, blindness (toxicara)					
Sandpits not covered when not in use	Children – inappropriate access, ill health					
Potentially harmful plants in reach of children	Children – Skin rash or poisoning if eaten, cuts from thorns					
Washing lines hanging in reach of children	Child – risk of strangulation					
Building work eg: extension or conservatories. Any changes to your premises must be notified to Ofsted	All – access to inappropriate materials and equipment, tripping, falling.					
Garden restoration eg: landscaping or building walls / replacing fences	All – access to inappropriate materials and equipment, tripping, falling.					
Lanterns and candles not out of reach, outside sockets and garden lights	Children – poisoning or burns if lit -electrocution					

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Trampolines – located inappropriately, not regularly maintained, not supervised use, usage guidelines not adhered to.	Children – tipping, falling, hurting body parts if strings are too loose / too tight.					
Paddling pools	Children – slipping or drowning					
Hot Tubs	Children drowning					
Flood damage  This could be drains over flowing, rain water or river over flowing.  If the water has entered your home, you should complete a full risk assessment of the whole property.						
Signs of vermin present, ie faeces	All - biting and illness					
Summerhouse and glass windows / panels	All – child getting shut/locked in Broken glass, cuts and grazes					
Other						

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## Cars

What are the hazards	Who could this cause harm to and how	What is already in place	Identify any further action needed	Putting the assessment in to action		
				By whom	By when	Date completed
No Current car insurance, not checked renewal date Not Checked with car insurance company that class 1 business cover is included and stated on policy	All – accident and not being insured or appropriately insured, being sued					
Car seats and restraints not meeting current British Standards or European regulation marks and not securely anchored	Children – injury if accident occurred					
No Current driving licence if transporting children by car	All – not being insured, being sued					
No Current valid MoT certificate if transporting children by car	All – not being insured, being sued, vehicle may not be fit for purpose					
No Child proof locks	Children – risk of falling out whilst travelling					
Carrying shopping or other items which are not secured	All head/body injuries					
Other						



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<b>Equipment</b>						
<i>What are the hazards</i>	<i>Who could this cause harm to and how</i>	<i>What is already in place</i>	<i>Identify any further action needed</i>	<i>Putting the assessment in to action</i>		
				<i>By whom</i>	<i>By when</i>	<i>Date completed</i>
Toys/play and learning equipment not in good state of repair and clean	Children – germs, unhygienic & cuts					
Non appropriate age related DVDs and or electronic or computer games	Children – risk of harmful material / abuse					
Toxic pens used	Children – poisoning					
High chairs, prams and buggies not fitted with 5 point harnesses	Children - falling					
Electrical appliances are in good working order	All – fire risk, electrocution, burns.					
Other						
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<b>Pets</b>						
<b>What are the hazards</b>	<b>Who could this cause harm to and how</b>	<b>What is already in place</b>	<b>Identify any further action needed</b>	<b>Putting the assessment in to action</b>		
				<b>By whom</b>	<b>By when</b>	<b>Date completed</b>
Immunisations not up-to-date	All – ill health					
Food and water bowls and litter trays not kept clean and out of reach of children	Children – ill health, germs, unhygienic					
Animal waste	All – unhygienic, ill health, blindness					
Precautions not taken to control worms and fleas	All – unhygienic, ill health, blindness (toxicara)					
Cages and enclosures not secure	Children – unhygienic, ill health, animal escaping					
Animals who share the environment with children are not under control and not well disciplined	Children – unhygienic, ill health, animal escaping, biting.					
Animals reacting to strangers	All potential bites and emotional distress					
Pets allowed on tables and work surfaces	All – illness and spread of infection					
Other						
Other						

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<b>Weapons</b>						
<b>What are the hazards</b>	<b>Who could this cause harm to and how</b>	<b>What is already in place</b>	<b>Identify any further action needed</b>	<b>Putting the assessment in to action</b>		
				<b>By whom</b>	<b>By when</b>	<b>Date completed</b>
Non licensed firearms held	All - death					
All guns, knives and other weapons such as bows and arrows and ammunition not securely locked away out of children's sight & reach	All - death or serious injury					

<b>Adult Material</b>						
<b>What are the hazards</b>	<b>Who could this cause harm to and how</b>	<b>What is already in place</b>	<b>Identify any further action needed</b>	<b>Putting the assessment in to action</b>		
				<b>By whom</b>	<b>By when</b>	<b>Date completed</b>
All adult material not stored securely away from children to include magazines and DVDs or any other adult accessories.	Children – risk of harmful material / abuse					
Computers, PC's, Console games (access to the internet)	Children – risk of harmful material / abuse					
Other						
Other						

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<b>Other Risks</b>						
<b>What are the hazards</b>	<b>Who could this cause harm to and how</b>	<b>What is already in place</b>	<b>Identify any further action needed</b>	<b>Putting the assessment in to action</b>		
				<b>By whom</b>	<b>By when</b>	<b>Date completed</b>
First aid box, out of date, incomplete with inadequate and inappropriate supplies, not clearly labelled	Ineffective medical assistance – child or other adult					
Not carrying out regular fire drills nor recording details	All – death in case of fire or smoke inhalation, unaware of what to do if fire broke out					
Not having permissions in place	Children -					
Not having policies in place	All – confusion as to what will / should happen					
Smoke detectors not working	All – risk of fire					
Other						
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## ***EYFS Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare - Outings***

**Please note: This form is for you to complete, please ensure that you complete a separate risk assessment sheet for each type of outing.**

For each type of outing, childminders **must** carry out a full risk assessment. The assessment must take account of nature of the outing. The assessment **must** be reviewed before embarking on each specific outing. Please note that the hazards listed below are general, you will need to risk assess other hazards you may come across according to the type of outing. These hazards may include children having access to animals or water; you may need to consider whether the play resources are age appropriate and whether there are eating and toilet facilities available.

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Type of Outing			Date assessment took place: Dates of reviews:			
<i>What are the hazards</i>	<i>Who could this cause harm to and how</i>	<i>What is already in place</i>	<i>Identify any further action needed</i>	<i>Putting the assessment in to action</i>		
				<i>By whom</i>	<i>By when</i>	<i>Date completed</i>
Mobile phone not charged or no credit	All – no emergency contact					
Not having an emergency plan	Children – panic and confusion					
No first aid kit available	All - unable to administer basic first aid.					
Not having permissions in place	Childminders – risk of complaint					
Not having policies in place (lost child, emergency procedure, permission to administer emergency first aid)	All – confusion as to what will / should happen Risk of a complaint					
Not carrying emergency contact numbers (parents / children)	All – confusion as to who should be informed					
Not correct ratios	Childminder – risk of complaint / allegation / breach of registration					

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<b>Risk Assessment Continued</b>						
Car, fuel, insurance etc up to date, appropriate car restraints	All – breakdown and children’s safety					
If walking: Correct harnesses, road safety	Children’s safety					
Appropriate clothing	All – children too hot / cold or wet					
Sun cream Permission to use this	All – burnt skin Childminder – risk of complaint					
No drinking water and or refreshments available	All - dehydration					
No nappies or wipes	Children – Health and hygiene					
Not knowing the buildings evacuation plans and where the Fire Exits are located and Meeting Area.	All – not being able to escape effectively					
Other						
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Other						
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