

# Pond Risk Assessment



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| Hazard / Risk:   | Who is at Risk?   | Normal Control Measures:<br>(Brief description and/or reference to source of information).  | Additional Control Measures:<br>(to take account of local/individual circumstances). | Risk Rating:<br>(H/M/L) |
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| <b>Drowning</b>  | Young children (Particularly under-fives), Children with special needs Visitors | <b>Design:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edges of the pond clearly visible.</li> <li>• Deeper zone positioned away from the edges where access is not possible.</li> <li>• The depth should be kept as shallow as possible.</li> <li>• Pond regularly maintained to ensure that the perimeter does not become obscured and that the area around the pond does not deteriorate.</li> <li>• Slip / tripping hazards eliminated from the surrounding area. Edges that are open for access for pond dipping should be gently sloping, or flat and well defined.</li> <li>• For smaller ponds, steel, rigid mesh fixed over the top of the pond (must be firmly secured and regularly checked for signs of deterioration).</li> <li>• Appropriate warning signs posted where applicable ('No unaccompanied children', 'deep water' etc.)</li> </ul> |  |                         |
| <b>Hygiene</b><br>Infection Weils disease Poisoning (blue-green algae) |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adequate provision for hand washing is readily available.</li> <li>• Provide paper towels rather than communal hand towels.</li> <li>• Do not allow children to touch any part of their face with their hands before hands are washed.</li> <li>• All wounds on exposed skin are suitably covered.</li> <li>• No eating in the pond area.</li> <li>• Prevent access to the area by cats/dogs, check always made of the area to remove (hygienically) any faeces before children enter the area.</li> <li>• Any algal scum should be removed, avoiding skin contact.</li> </ul>   | CLEAPSS have issued a guide on Pond Dipping and Weils Disease.                       |                         |

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