



Safe Play Centre

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Risk Level: 1= Low  
2= Medium  
2= High







The very nature of children's play is to take risks which in turn the child gains experience, with this new experience comes new emotions and a sense of achievement. Children have a limited sense of danger and thus with the help and guidance from their parents/guardians/carers can reach new levels of confidence.

This is an ethos we firmly believe in at the *Safe Play Centre*.





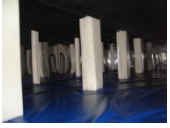
Growth and confidence gained through experience giving a lasting sense of achievement.

Source: R. Jones MAAT, BSc. (HONS) HND Elec Eng

## Risk Assessment: Safe Play Centre, Preston

			Risk Level				
Area	Hazard Risk	Evaluation	1	2	3	Control	Visual Aid
Entrance	Children may use as means of escape	The double entry doors lead to the main car park	1			Door guard fitted which prevents full opening of the doors when in use. Clients have the option whether to use this device	
Staff Entrance	Children may use this as means of escape	The staff entrance leads to the main car park	1			This door is fitted with a brass plated tough cast metal and steel bolt. This is not a designated fire exit.	
Foyer Benches	Risk of falling off	Benches are not secured to the floor or wall	1			No climbing on or jumping off the benches.	
Sensory Room	Electrical equipment	The electrical equipment in the sensory room is regularly checked.	1			The electrical sockets are all sited above head height.	
Sensory Room	Hanging Chair	Risk of knocking children off balance if misused by children		2		Supervision is required to limit the risk when using the chair. Children must not stand in the chair.	
Carpet	Corner sofa	Risk of falling if children are climbing on the raised back of the sofa	1			Supervision is needed to ensure children do not climb on the raised back of the corner sofa	

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BallPool	Damaged balls	Broken or damaged balls may cause scratches and/or cuts	1			Frequent checks of the ballpool are carried out daily	
Ballpool	Jumping from height	Risk of injury from landing on uneven surface (the balls).		2		Supervision is required to ensure children do not jump into the ballpool from height. Depth of the balls is approx 16"	
Softplay	Cabin roof	Children can fall off the approximately 3ft high edge of the roof if they are not fully supervised.		2		Parents and carers must supervise children on the roof	
Softplay	Cabin end slide	There is a risk of minor injury if more than one child goes down the slide at the same time	1			Parents and carers must supervise children on the slide	
Softplay	Cabin interior	There is a risk of minor injury for taller children in the cabin as it is three feet high	1			Children above the three foot height should be on hands and knees to limit head collisions with the 'milky way' carpet attached to the roof of the cabin.	

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Emergency Arrangements			1			Fire extinguishers are placed at the fire exit, carpet area and office, with signage and break glass points. Smoke detectors are sited throughout the building. Safety checks are carried out by the staff and the fire alarm is tested on a weekly basis.	
First Aid		All incidents / accidents must be reported to the member of staff on duty for logging in the incident/accident book	1			All staff are qualified to administer first aid if required.	
Smoking	Fire	We operate a no smoking policy on the premises.	1			Smoking is only permitted in the car park away from the main entrance	

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## **RULES OF PLAY**

### **PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULES OF PLAY TO HELP ENSURE SAFE PLAY**

- NO FOOD OR DRINK TO BE CONSUMED IN THE SOFT PLAY AREA, FREE PLAY AREA OR THE SENSORY ROOM.
- FOOTWEAR MUST BE LEFT IN THE FOYER, (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE USING A WHEELCHAIR IN THE PLAY FACILITIES).
- ALL HAND HELD TOYS MUST REMAIN ON THE CARPETED AREA AND THE SENSORY ROOM AND NOT TAKEN ONTO THE SOFTPLAY MATS.
- PLEASE KEEP ACCESS IN AND OUT OF THE AREAS SAFE BY NOT PLAYING TOO CLOSE TO THEM.
- NO JUMPING 'BOMBING' INTO THE BALLPOOL FROM HEIGHT
- NO SHARP OBJECTS INCLUDING KEYS, SHARP JEWELLERY TO BE TAKEN INTO THE SOFT PLAY AREA, SENSORY ROOM, CORNER SEATING. WE HAVE PROVIDED A WALL UNIT WHICH IS BELOW THE CCTV SCREEN IN THE CARPETED AREA.
- PLEASE PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO YOUNG CHILDREN OR THOSE INDIVIDUALS LESS ABLE WHEN ON TOP OF THE CABIN IN THE SOFT PLAY AREA.

#### The Nature of Children's Play

In play, children expand their understanding of themselves and others, their knowledge of the physical world, and their ability to communicate with peers and adults

Source: David Fernie