



## **RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL**

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### **Play Area Risk Management/Inspections**

#### **Existing Play Area:**

All existing play areas are logged on the Playsafe electronic inspection system. This system has provision for the inspection of all pieces of equipment, safety surfacing, gates, fencing, dog bins, litter bins and the whole site.

#### **Assessment of Sites**

We risk assess play areas as low, medium, or high. The risk level is assessed by:

- The type of equipment on the site
- Age of equipment
- Age range the equipment is designed for
- Usage of site
- Location of site
- Manufacturers inspection recommendations

#### **Daily/Weekly Inspections**

All High Risk sites are given a Routine Inspection on a daily basis (Mon-Fri) – this inspection includes checking for litter, broken glass, visible damage to equipment, safety surface and fencing.

Medium Risk sites are given a Routine Inspection 2 – 3 per week

Low Risk sites are given a Routine Inspection 1 – 2 times a week

All equipped play areas undergo an Operational Inspection on a weekly basis (High Risk undergo 2 Operational Inspections per week)

Operational Inspections are carried out as per the attached check list sheets.

All findings are daily and weekly inspections are logged on our Playsafe PDA and work sheets are raised where necessary. All findings are given a risk assessment within the Playsafe system and a timescale for works to be carried out.

### **Annual Inspections**

ROSPA recommend that an Annual Inspection is carried out on all play equipment by an independent suitably qualified Inspector.

We engage the services of an RPII Annual Inspector to carry out our Annual Inspections and all these inspections are logged on our Playsafe System.

Any recommendations or findings from the Annual Inspections are either actioned or noted within the 5 year maintenance plan.

### **In House Inspections**

Vivienne Prodger, Paul Wilcox, Neil Hart and Sean O'Hagen are all qualified to Operational Inspection level and use the Playsafe PDA system to undertake inspections.

RPII Operational Inspectors are required to retake their exams every three years.

### **New Sites/Equipment**

All equipment, fencing and safety surfaces on new sites must comply with EN 1176 Standards and must be installed by a competent contractor. On completion, each site undergoes a Post Installation Inspection by an RPII Annual Inspector. A written report is produced for each new site and filed together with a copy of the manufacturers recommended maintenance/inspection criteria.

Adopted by Rushden Town Council 27 July 2021

Signed: *M.A. Coleman*.....

Town Mayor