



Risk Assessments

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Risk assessments and health and safety considerations are crucial when working with vulnerable individuals, as they provide a systematic approach to identifying and managing potential hazards to ensure the well-being and safety of both the individuals and those responsible for their care. Tailoring these assessments to meet the specific needs and health risks of each individual is essential for creating a safe and supportive environment.

People with PMLD are likely to have unique requirements. A thorough risk assessment helps identify potential dangers and ensures that appropriate measures are in place to protect them from harm and to protect the person facilitating the activity. Tailoring risk assessments allows for the creation of individualised care plans that address the specific needs and health risks of each person. This personalised approach ensures that interventions are not only effective but also considerate of the individual's unique circumstances, promoting a higher quality of care. [Link to digi passport?](#)



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Identifying potential risks through a comprehensive risk assessment helps in implementing preventive measures. This can range from modifying the physical environment to providing specialised equipment or support, all aimed at minimising the likelihood of accidents and injuries.

Additional benefits of having comprehensive risk assessments in place is that an environment will be created that promotes independence and wellbeing. Individuals and their families are more likely to engage in activities and participate in the community when they feel safe and supported, leading to an improved overall quality of life. These risk assessments should be communicated to all involved and should be reviewed and reflected on regularly. It is important that all are aware of potential risks, preventive measures and emergency procedures.

Alongside the risk assessment, it is recommended that those facilitating activities have one trained First Aider on site, access to first aid, and a log book and camera should an accident or injury occur. It is essential that should an incident take place that it is documented as soon as possible and reported to the relevant bodies and the risk assessment amended – this is called a dynamic risk assessment.



Risk Assessment Template

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Assessment carried out by:			Date:	Date of review:		
Notes:						
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Further Information

- <https://education.gov.scot/curriculum-for-excellence/>
- <https://www.gov.scot/policies/girfec/>
- <https://scotlandscurriculum.scot/>
- [Wellbeing \(SHANARRI\) - Getting it right for every child \(GIRFEC\) - gov.scot](#)
- RCOT ACTIVITIES- JM adding in link to book