

Risk Assessment

Location/Dept: Dog field		Date Assessed: 15/04/24		Assessed by: RAC		
Task/ Activity: Use of dog field		Review Date: 15/04/25		Reference Number: DF01		
Hazard / Outcome	Persons at risk	Controls in place	Severity (1-5)	Likelihood (1-5)	Risk/ Priority	Additional controls required
Slips, trips and falls leading to minor or major injury	Field users Maintenance staff	<p>Weekly grounds maintenance grass and hedge cutting (seasonal March to October).</p> <p>Monday to Saturday visual inspection by staff (check list) to ensure area clear of fall hazards/ holes / mounds</p> <p>Defect reporting system in place. Users requested to report any problems via email. Defects will be dealt with within 24 hours. If defects cannot be rectified, use of field will be suspended until it can be made safe.</p> <p>All users informed of risk of field becoming slippery and muddy and advised to wear suitable footwear.</p> <p>Field is not hired outside of daylight hours.</p> <p>Ground is naturally uneven as to be expected in countryside – users advised of natural hazards.</p> <p>Grounds maintenance subject to risk assessment.</p>	3	2	6	
Collision with overhanging tree branches/ vegetation. Falling tree branches causing injury to public	Field users Maintenance staff	<p>Regular inspection of condition of trees and hedgerows.</p> <p>Regular pruning and general tree maintenance Monday to Friday by horticulture staff.</p>	3	1	3	

Dog faeces in field – leading to slip hazards/ potential illness	Field users Maintenance staff	Dog waste bins installed, waste contract in place. Waste bag dispensers in place. Users advised that Ts&Cs state that they must pick up all dog waste. CCTV and spot checks to monitor. Repeat offenders will be refused access.	3	2	6	
Escaped dogs – potential for injury to people in area	Members of the public Employees Service users	Perimeter secured with 1.9m high deer fencing, and 1m chicken wire fencing. Gates installed to segregate parking area and dog exercise areas. Regular visual inspections of fencing and gates. Defect reporting. Users advised that dogs must be supervised at all times. Users advised that dogs must be discouraged from digging.	3	1	3	
Use of dog agility equipment – falls from equipment leading to injury	Field users	Users advised that agility equipment is for dog use only, people must not use it. Regular maintenance checks of equipment. Defect reporting system in place.	3	1	3	
Inclement or extreme weather – exposure to elements leading to illness; increased chance of slips and falls	Field users	Emergency plans in place to close site in emergency or red weather warning. Wooden shelter provided for temporary shelter from rain. Notification to hirer via booking system if weather warning in place.	3	1	3	
Inappropriate care / supervision of dogs	Dogs	Access to water for dogs. Shade is provided under trees Dogs are not to be left in vehicles or unsupervised in the field. Users advised that all mess caused by unwell dog must be cleaned up and reported. Users not permitted to bring dogs which have been unwell in the past 72 hours.	1	1	1	

		Users advised that dogs must be treated for flea, tick and worm prevention and be fully vaccinated. Use of choke chains, prong collars and electronic devices, or harsh handling, are not permitted.				
Dangerous dogs – threat or injury	Field users Service users	Dangerous dogs are not permitted in the dog field, as set out in Ts&Cs. Area is securely fenced and gated.	5	1	5	

Risk/Priority Indicator Key

Severity (Consequence)

1. Negligible (delay only)
2. Slight (minor injury / damage / interruption)
3. Moderate (lost time injury, illness, damage, lost business)
4. High (major injury / damage, lost time business interruption, disablement)
5. Very High (fatality / business closure)

Likelihood

1. Improbable / very unlikely
2. Unlikely
3. Even chance / may happen
4. Likely
5. Almost certain / imminent

RISK / PRIORITY INDICATOR MATRIX

LIKELIHOOD	5	5	10	15	20	25
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	1	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5
		SEVERITY (CONSEQUENCE)				

Summary

Suggested Timeframe

12-25	High	As soon as possible
6-11	Medium	Within next 3-6 months
1-5	Low	Whenever viable to do so