

Blackpool Tower & Circus - Risk Assessment Form

Jungle Jim's Towering Adventureland

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Assessment Team: Tower Management

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Potential Hazard	Potential Harm	Who may be at risk	Controls that are in place	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating	Potential Controls
Stairs on entry	Trip, fall	All users	<p>Height restrictions will be strictly applied. (where required)</p> <p>Signs indicating appropriate age range limitations will be clearly displayed.</p> <p>Appropriate insurance shall be in place to protect users and any employees.</p> <p>Children to walk sensibly up the stairs.</p> <p>Children to be supervised by parents / guardians.</p> <p>Tower staff to act as guides, showing groups up the stairs.</p> <p>All to use handrails as support if needed.</p> <p>The area shall be kept clean at all times. This includes areas not generally accessible to users. All cleaning materials used will be non hazardous.</p>	2	3	6	<p>Ensure parent / guardian laces are tied. Children's shoes should be removed. Socks to be kept on.</p> <p>Emergency exits and routes to them must be kept clear at all times.</p> <p>Children will remove shoes before playing on the play equipment but socks must be worn to reduce possible infection of foot diseases (no bare feet). Children will also wear appropriate clothing</p>
Children exiting JJTA unaccompanied by parent or guardian	Hurt, lost	Children	<p>All Exit and Entrance points are controlled by Tower staff. The Tower building is closed to the public except for paying customers.</p>	2	4	8	<p>A member of the Tower staff to be stationed at the Entrance and Exit to the play area which is next to the main Entrance and Exit.</p>

Play Area Equipment	Injury	All users	<p>All equipment has been passed by ROSPA and an Independent Assurance Company. (Tower staff to provide documentation on arrival).</p> <p>All equipment is padded and netting used to restrict access to danger areas.</p> <p>Tower staff are stationed around equipment at all times, School Staff to also monitor.</p> <p>Staff are aware of cleanliness regimes and how to clean blood and body fluid spills.</p> <p>Children who are bleeding (however little) will be removed from the area until any blood flow has been treated and ceased.</p>	2	3	6	<p>Net cutting tools will be available to allow cutting of netting for emergency access (such knives will be secured against unauthorised access).</p> <p>The play area will be inspected daily by an employee. Any maintenance issues will be reported immediately and the piece of play equipment taken out of use.</p> <p>An annual inspection by an independent specialist shall be undertaken.</p> <p>Appropriate maintenance and repairs shall be carried out by a competent person and records kept.</p>
Safe use of equipment	Injury	Children & other users	<p>Tower staff and school staff to be stationed at assessed flash points to supervise play.</p> <p>Restrictions made on amount of children accessing area at any one time.</p> <p>CCTV cameras and screens available in café area for Tower staff / parents /guardians to observe children.</p> <p>Children to be briefed on rules of play.</p> <p>Staff positioned at good</p>	3	3	9	<p>Where play becomes excessively boisterous staff will intervene to protect the health and safety of all the children.</p> <p>Staff available to withdraw children to café area who might need to chill out or calm down.</p> <p>Staff member to be stationed at entrance for to area for children to report mis-use.</p>

			<p>vantage points to obtain maximum supervision.</p> <p>Carers not be allowed into play areas unless stated in procedures to allow carers access to play areas at special sessions (parent and toddler sessions etc)</p> <p>Contact details for the emergency services are at hand.</p>				<p>Sufficient staff to adequately supervise the numbers on the play structure and to carry out emergency evacuation procedures.</p> <p>All staff will be aware of emergency evacuation procedures and how to deal with an injured or comatose child.</p> <p>Safe hand over of children to adult carers after evacuation child protection policy.</p>
Floors in and around play areas	Slips and trips	All users	<p>Shoes to be worn in all areas except play equipment.</p> <p>No shoes but socks to be worn in the play areas.</p> <p>No shoes but socks can be worn on carpeted areas.</p> <p>School staff to observe surfaces and inform Tower staff of any spillages.</p> <p>Children are not to run on the stairs or the ramp way leading to the entrance of play area.</p> <p>There is a staggered entrance to the play area, so please no rushing or pushing.</p>	3	2	6	
Slides in the play area	Injury	Children	<p>All slides exit in same vicinity.</p> <p>Children to be careful of colliding at the bottom of the</p>	3	3	6	Girls to wear P.E. shorts if wearing skirts.

			<p>slides and by 2 riders sliding down together.</p> <p>Member of staff to supervise this area and encourage children to clear area quickly.</p> <p>Supervision at top to supervise access.</p>				
Jewellery	Injury, cuts etc	All users	No jewellery to be worn around the neck and ear rings to be taken out or covered with tape.	2	2	4	
Playing at height	Major injury from falls	All users	<p>Retention netting in place and checked by Tower Staff.</p> <p>Tower and School staff to supervise identified areas of concern.</p>	1	4	4	
Overcrowding	Injuries from over crowding in play areas	Children	Numbers to be restricted in the play areas, not all schools to use play areas at once.	1	3	3	
Fire	Death by injury	All	<p>School Staff to be made aware of the evacuation procedures in place as advised by Tower staff and this information must be passed onto to children.</p> <p>School Staff to be stationed around equipment to supervise evacuation if needed.</p> <p>All staff to be aware of the number of children attending.</p>	2	4	8	<p>Staff will regularly practice emergency evacuation drills of children from the play area.</p> <p>Sufficient staff to adequately supervise the numbers on the play structure and to carry out emergency evacuation procedures.</p> <p>All staff will be aware of emergency evacuation procedures and how to</p>

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Toilets	Slips, trips	Children	School Staff to accompany children to toilets within the play area to ensure safety and behaviour.				
Arcade Area	Hurt, lost	Children	Arcade area to be out of bounds to children without a parent or guardian. Arcade areas are situated outside the supervised area and access to rest of the Tower building.				

Regular head counts to be taken when children are congregated together. Two adults to check and compare.

School staff to have a First Aid Kit with them.

School staff to make Tower staff aware of any medical issues concerning the children attending.

Relevant medication to be taken and stored in safe central location for accessibility.

Staff to familiarise themselves with the availability of the First Aid Kit and member of School staff to contact.

Any accidents to be noted in the School's and the Tower's accident book.

Parents or guardians are not to be left unsupervised unless with their own child.

School to have record of all staff mobile numbers and staff mobiles to be charged in case of emergency.