# **Annual RoSPA Reports for Play Areas: Risks and Recommendations**

October 2025

Play Area: Chestnut Drive – NO RISKS REQUIRING REMEDIATION IDENTIFIED.

Play Area: Jubilee Field

Issue	Risk Level Low/Medium/High	Recommendations	Action
VH end gate: There is a crushing or shearing point on the side of the gate. Where the gaps reduce to less than 12 mm these have been known to cause serious, permanent injury to children, especially on the hinge side where the leverage forces are significant	Low - 4	Adjust gate / posts / fit new rubber buffer to ensure a spacing of at least 12 mm throughout the range of the gate to remove the entrapment. The 12 mm gap also should apply on the hinge side of the gate.	Monitor
Agility Trail Climber: Exposed metal rope core	Very Low - 2	Repair	NFA
<ul> <li>A clearly visible sign must be fitted to all sports related equipment with at least the following: a) equipment is not intended for children less than 36 month, b) "Do not climb on the framework or nets", c) "Do not hang on the ring", d) "Do not wear rings or other jewellery as these can get caught and cause injury", e) name and telephone number of site owner, f) number to call in case of accident</li> </ul>	Low – 6	Fit warning sign	This has been raised previously on several occasions and it was decided not to fit a sign. There are already a plethora of warning signs on the Jubilee Field for various pieces of equipment with contact information
<ul> <li>Trip point on ground surface where it joins the grass</li> </ul>	Very low - 3	Build up surface to remove trip point	Monitor
Carousel - The flush carousel has gaps exceeding that permitted. The gap must be less than 8 mm.	Medium - 8	Modify to meet the standards., Refer to manufacturer for comment	This has been raised before. The gap is the same as when the item was installed. NFA was agreed.

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Arch Climber Frame - Item has corrosion	Very Low - 3	Treat and repair	Monitor
<ul> <li>Overhead Monkey Pegs Climber:</li> <li>Overhead ladders and rings provide significant play value and benefits to children, and with it the risk of falling. Ensuring the surface remains in good condition will help to keep the correct balance between benefits and risk</li> </ul>	Low – 7	The protective surface under all bars and rings must be kept in good condition	Monitor. Note overall risk is as low as possible for this type of item at 7
Timber is not in good condition	Low - 4	Some wear to pegs - Monitor	Monitor
Senior Goal Posts:  • Paintwork is in poor condition	Low – 5	De-scale back to good base material and coat with lead free paint, using appropriate precautions. Repairs may be necessary where corrosion is severe	These were repainted last year at the same time as Orchard Way where no issues have been raised. It is an ongoing problem. The Clerk to refer back to the Handyman re the work done.
Worn ground areas	Very Low - 3	Make good	Monitor – this is a recurring issue and is dealt with as appropriate
Multiplay:			
<ul><li>Paint is chipped on fireman's pole</li><li>Cap missing</li></ul>	Low – 4 Very Low – 2	<ul><li>Touch up the paint</li><li>Replace</li></ul>	<ul><li>Monitor</li><li>NFA</li></ul>
Slide – Cap missing underside platform	Very Low - 2	Replace	NFA
Junior Swing Set (1 bay, 2 seat) – Some chain wear	Low - 7	Monitor for further deterioration and replace before 40% wear	Monitor
Junior Swing Set (2 bay, 4 seat):  • Some chain wear	Low – 4	Monitor for further deterioration and replace before 40% wear	Monitor

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The swing seat has been damaged, but does not require immediate replacement	Very Low - 3	Monitor and replace when hard material is exposed	Monitor
<ul> <li>Toddler Swing Set (1bay, 2 seat):</li> <li>Item has corrosion at both ends of top bar where join supports</li> <li>Some chain wear</li> </ul>	High – 15 Low - 7	<ul> <li>Replace</li> <li>Monitor for further deterioration and replace before 40% wear</li> </ul>	Item to be replaced with new set. Clerk obtaining quotes for approval by Council. MDDC advise that it is not something that requires imminent replacement and they will continue to monitor but it will need dealing with over the next few months.
Mini Pipe (ramp) – Ground erosion on grass area adjoining ramp	Low - 4	Repair the worn areas	Monitor
Seesaw Rocker – ground surface wearing	Very Low - 3	Monitor for significant deterioration and rectify when necessary	Monitor

## Play Area: Mallow Court

Issue	Risk Level Low/Medium/High	Recommendations	Action
Gate: There is a crushing or shearing point on the side of the gate. Where the gaps reduce to less than 12 mm these have been known to cause serious, permanent injury to children, especially on the hinge side where the leverage forces are significant	Low - 4	Adjust gate / posts / fit new rubber buffer to ensure a spacing of at least 12 mm throughout the range of the gate to remove the entrapment. The 12 mm gap also should apply on the hinge side of the gate.	• Monitor
<ul><li>Multiplay:</li><li>Support has been taped over. Likely to cover frost damage.</li></ul>	Very Low – 3	• Monitor	Monitor
Moss on ground surface	Very Low - 3	Remove	Monitor

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Toddler Swings:		
Moss on ground surface	Very Low – 3	Remove     Monitor
Shrinkage / separation of the surface.	Very Low – 3	Re-glue and fill gaps and joints as     Monitor
This may give a trip hazard		necessary
Some chain wear	Very Low - 3	Monitor for further deterioration and replace before 40% wear

## Play Area: Orchard Way

Issue	Risk Level Low/Medium/High	Recommendations	Action
Rocker Seesaw - Paintwork is in poor condition	Very Low - 3	De-scale back to good base material and coat with lead free paint, using appropriate precautions. Repairs may be necessary where corrosion is severe	Monitor
Junior Swing Set:			
Ground surface is wearing	Low – 6	Monitor for significant deterioration and rectify when necessary	Monitor
Paintwork is in poor condition	Very Low – 3	De-scale back to good base material and coat with lead free paint, using appropriate precautions. Repairs may be necessary where corrosion is severe	• Monitor
Loose swing seat eye-bolts	Very Low - 2	Tighten connecting nuts	Handyman to tighten
Basket Swing:			
Seat set at incorrect height	Low – 4	Recommend a minimum of 500 mm seat height to reduce foot drag and surface wear	• NFA
Cap missing	Very Low - 3	Replace	• NFA

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## Play Area: South View

Issue	Risk Level Low/Medium/High	Recommendations	Action
Fence – loose in ground, post next to swings	Very Low - 3	Monitor	Monitor
Turtle Rocker – dirty/algae covered	Very Low - 2	Clean off	Handyman to clean
Junior Multiplay:  Shrinkage / separation of the surface. This may give a trip hazard.  Moss is present on ground surface	Very Low – 3 Very Low - 3	Re-glue and fill gaps and joints as necessary Remove	<ul><li>Monitor</li><li>Monitor</li></ul>

## Play Area: Worcester Crescent

Issue	Low/Medium/High	Recommendations	Action
Litter Bin has corrosion	Very Low - 3	Replace	Monitor
<ul> <li>Multiplay:</li> <li>Unit does not meet current standards</li> <li>Item has corrosion</li> <li>Ground surface around base has unintended grass, moss or weeds</li> </ul>	Low – 4 Low – 4 Very Low - 3	<ul> <li>No reasonable action identified</li> <li>Treat &amp; Repair</li> <li>Remove</li> </ul>	<ul><li>NFA</li><li>Monitor</li><li>Monitor</li></ul>
<ul><li>Seesaw Rocker:</li><li>Moss on ground surface</li><li>Cap missing</li></ul>	Very Low – 3 Very Low - 2	Remove     Replace	<ul><li>Monitor</li><li>NFA</li></ul>