



RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment for:	Use of Walkers Outdoors	Prepared by:	H&S Co-ordinator – S.L & V.D
		Assessed by SLT:	
Location:	ROSEWOOD FREE SCHOOL & AVENUES SITE	Date of Assessment	January 2025
		Review Date:	January 2027

Hazard	Who might be harmed?	Hazards Identified which may cause harm – consequence	Existing Level of Risk	Control Measure and Precautions Taken	Additional Control Measures or Further Action Required	Remaining level of Risk
Suitable walker for outside	Employees & Learners	Equipment failure as walker not suitable Walker tipping and cause learner to fall out of walker causing varying musculoskeletal & impact injuries.	Medium - 10	Following manufactory guidelines of individual walker. Use of walker demonstrated by Physiotherapist and supported my M&H. Walker never to be stored outside. Clean equipment after outdoor use for indoor use.	Annual maintenance checks by OT.	Low - 5
Suitable learner for outside walking	Employees & Learners	Impact injury causing bumps and bruising.	Low - 6	Only experienced walker that can tolerate different walking surfaces. Refer to emotional support plan if applicable. Suitable footwear/splints worn as per physio plan. 1-1 ratio outside.		Low - 3
Suitable adult for outside walking	Employees & Learners	Muscular skeletal & other physical injuries	Medium - 10	Experienced staff member who knows how to alert for help in an emergency. Suitable protective footwear. 1-1 ratio outside. Follow guidance for walking inside school. Follow M&H training for posture and positioning.		Low - 5

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Weather conditions	Employees & Learners	Poor weather causing slips, trips or falls.	Medium - 9	Walker not to be used when the flooring surface is excessively wet or has ice or snow on it.		Low - 3
Door threshold	Employees & Learners	Trips and falls over the threshold causing bumps and bruising. Muscular skeletal injury.	Medium - 9	Many classrooms alerted to have flat thresholds. Ensure doorway threshold is flat for smooth exit and entrance before talking walker over it.	Inform M&H if any concerns	Low - 3
Door frames	Learners	Bump into/on the doorway as it is an enclosed space causing damage to backs, neck, shoulders feet and hips. Impact injury causing bruising or cuts	Medium - 9	Ensure door is positioned or temporarily held open/back to allow clear exit as to not bump into somebody or frame. Staff mindful of pupil's limbs and individual movements.		Low - 3
Flooring	Learners	Walker tipping and cause learner to fall out of walker causing varying musculoskeletal & impact injuries.	Medium - 10	Walkers on smooth even flat surfaces only Ensure flooring is clear of hazards i.e., wet leaves, prior to going for a walk. Good housekeeping and flooring maintained.		Low - 5
Outdoor obstacles	Learners	Impact injury and falls.	Low - 6	Stay out of the swing and roundabout yellow zone. Avoid open windows. Be vigilant with mobile, independent learners and play equipment. Good housekeeping and flooring cleared.		Low - 3
Re-entering the class during poor weather	Staff & Learners	Walker leaving wet floor causing slips, trips or falls or loss of control of walker. Broken limbs, muscular skeletal & other physical injuries.	Medium - 10	Ensure there is a mat to dry off / clean feet & walker wheels during poor weather. Clean up as visibly wet floors.	Wet floor signs available if needed	Low - 5
Malfunction of Rose Road lift	Staff & Learners	Use of walker in lift and failure of lift causing prolonged length of time in stander in turn possible damage to body. Confined space causing impact injuries and possible behaviour changes.	Medium - 10	No use of walkers in the lift. School have no general access to rose road lift.		0



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High likelihood of risk – Likely to occur immediately or in the near future
Medium likelihood of risk – will occur in time if no preventative action is taken
Low likelihood of risk – Remote or unlikely to occur

Date Reviewed	Comments
January 2021	Initial assessment
January 2022	Annual update. Added on use of lift.
January 2023	Annual update
January 2025	Update due