

Auchinairn Early Years Centre Health & Safety Risk Assessment





Date October 2025

Nursery Activities: Community Block Play							
Activity Hazards		Potential Loss	Risk	Person at Risk	Control Measures	Additional Measures	
Block Play	Building with large community play blocks	Children – risk of falling structures, bumps or crushed fingers	6 (2x3)	Children	Rules in place children do not build higher than shoulder height	Staff supervise construction at all times Blocks checked daily for damage or unsuitability Encourage children to dismantle safely after play	
	Moving or carrying large blocks	Potential for slips, trips or lifting strains	4 (4x4)	Staff Children	Demonstrate correct lifting technique. Encourage children to work in pairs for large blocks. Staff assist with heavy blocks	Ensure play surface is level and clear of trip hazards	
	Overcrowding in block area	Increased risk of collision of	6 (2x6)	Children	Limit number of children using the	Staff monitor engagement and	



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	instability of blocks		block area at one time.	redirect as needed.

	Likelihood that hazardous events will		Consequences	Risk	Action
	occur			rating	
1	very unlikely	1	insignificant – no injury	20-25	Stop – stop activity and take immediate action
2	unlikely	2	minor – minor injuries needing first aid	15-16	Urgent action – take immediate action and stop activity if necessary, maintain existing controls rigorously
3	fairly likely	3	moderate – up to three days absence	8-12	Action – improve within specified timescale
4	likely	4	major – more than seven days absence	3-6	Monitor – look to improve at next review or if there is a significant change
5	Very likely	5	catastrophic - death	1-2	No action – no further action but ensure controls are maintained and reviewed