

Playground Risk
Management Policy



Playground Inspection Methodology

Llanharry Community Council is responsible for one area This area includes a playground, fitness equipment and multi-use games areas (MUGA).

Inspection Frequency & Type

The table below details the frequency of inspections and the inspector responsible for carrying out the on-site inspections. The inspector and frequency rates are currently feasible given resources available to Llanharry Community Council and the current contractual arrangements which are set until 2020.

FREQUENCY OF INSPECTION	INSPECTION TYPE	INSPECTOR
Weekly	Visual	Llanharry Community Council
1 – 3 Months	Operational	External Inspector
Annual	Annual Detailed	RoSPA (or other external organisation)

Inspection Type – Definitions

Routine Visual Inspections – EN 1176-7.6.2a - LOOK & SEE

It includes the identification of obvious hazards resulting from use, weather and vandalism, broken parts or bottles, litter, graffiti, equipment misuse.

Operational Inspection – EN1176-76.2b - POKE & PROD

Operational Inspections provide a more detailed inspection to check the operation and stability of all equipment and surfaces especially for wear.

It is recommended that inspections should be carried out every 1 – 3 months. Initially all areas will receive a monthly operational inspection. Frequency of Operational inspectors may alter to a period of no longer than 3 months in certain areas. In using resources better, Llanharry Community Council may alter frequencies of the operational inspections and this decision will be dependent of the grading of the area which will consider factors such as popularity, profile and equipment type.

- Check repairs carried out by others; rust and rot; bearings.
- Cleanliness
- Equipment Ground Clearance
- Exposed Foundations
- Sharp Edges
- Missing Parts
- Excessive Wear (of moving parts)
- Structural Integrity

Inspectors will be trained to RPII Operational inspector's level enabling them to perform an operational inspection.

Annual Main Inspection – EN1176-7.6.2c

These inspections will approximately be carried out every 12 month, not exceeding 15 months.

- The overall safety of equipment, foundations and surfaces
- The effects of weather, evidence of rotting or corrosion and any change in the level of safety as a result of repairs made or added or replacement components.

The annual Inspections are to be carried out by an independent inspector.

Accidents, Enquiries and Claims

Llanharry Community Council will record all accidents and enquires relating to the play areas and facilities within them. Recording incidents in this manner will enable the authority to illustrate a clear chain of information from the inspection, the associated risk, details of works and repairs carried out and any information related to an accident or enquiry. This information will enable the authority to defend itself against claims and also be an effective management tool for future improvements.