

Risk assessment – Visitor use of parks/public toilets during Covid-19, from 9th JUNE 2020

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Service: Parks and Open Spaces
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Department: Parks and Open Spaces
Location: Millom and Haverigg Parks
Date Completed: 09.06.2020

Overall risk rating: 6 (LOW)

Instructions:

1. This applies to all work activities that fall under this activity.
2. If this risk assessment does not cover all of the hazards and existing control measures required relevant to your service, you should add them below at 'Other risks (please detail)' and notify the Corporate Health and Safety Team by sending the risk assessment attached to the email.
3. If further controls are necessary, these should be recorded in the 'Additional controls to reduce risk' column and a revised lower score given.
4. Please communicate this risk assessment to all your staff e.g. via email, team meetings etc evidencing how you do this.
5. Review the risk assessment annually, after an accident/incident or significant changes to the workplace or working processes.

Terminology:

- **Activity**- The use of facility being undertaken.
- **Hazard**- Something with the potential to cause harm. Harm can be physical, chemical, biological or psychological.
- **Control Measures**- Actions taken to prevent hazard being realised. Control measures can include such areas as training, supervision, safe systems of work, maintenance procedures, physical measures such as guarding and personal protective equipment.
- **Likelihood** – the chances of harm occurring on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being highly unlikely and 5 being highly likely
- **Risk Rating**- Multiply the likelihood figure by the severity figure to get the risk rating after the existing control measures have been considered.
- **Severity** – the level of harm/injury caused by the accident or incident, on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being First aid required and 5 being a fatality.

Likelihood (L) × Severity (S)
= Risk Rating (RR):

	L = 1	L = 2	L = 3	L = 4	L = 5
S = 1	1	2	3	4	5
S = 2	2	4	6	8	10
S = 3	3	6	9	12	15
S = 4	4	8	12	16	20
S = 5	5	10	15	20	25

Possible
Likelihood

5 Highly likely
4 Likely
3 Possible
2 Unlikely
1 Highly unlikely

Possible Severity

5 Fatality
4 Major injury
3 Hospital treatment
2 First aid required
1 No injury

Rating	Action
15-25 Very High	Work should not be undertaken without reducing risk
10-12 High	As above
8-9 Moderate	Work fine to continue. Additional controls should be considered
4-6 Low	Work fine to continue with existing controls
1-3 Very Low	As above

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Activity	Nature of hazard and potential injuries	Persons at risk	Existing control measures	Current risk rating			Additional controls to reduce risk	Revised risk rating		
				L	S	RR		L	S	RR
Visitor use of public toilets in Millom and Haverigg parks	Increased risk of infection from Covid-19 from members of the public with lockdown eased – unrestricted number and length of park visits.	Visitors using toilets and sanitation facilities	All existing non-coronavirus related health and safety requirements continue to apply, eg once-daily inspection, checking and cleaning by Millom Town Council employees, provision of hand-washing and drying facilities. Cleaning performance, security of infrastructure and safe use of toilets managed Millom Town Council. Social distancing site signage in place. Two-metre social distancing advice Signs and messages to build awareness of good handwashing technique and other hygiene behaviours for example around coughing and sneezing. Markings 2m from toilet entrance to allow users to enter and exit safely and define queue area	2	3	6 ¹				

¹ You are very unlikely to be infected by walking past another person. Public Health England (PHE) recommends trying to keep 2 metres away from people, where possible, as a precaution. However, this is not a rule and the science is complex. The key thing is not to be too close to people for more than a short amount of time, as much as you can.',
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/884370/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-transport-guidance-for-operators.pdf, p. 8.

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			Visitors advised in advance via social media that social distancing guidelines mean there will be queues for public toilets. Windows and doors kept open to encourage ventilation where possible and safe to do so. Implementation of a routine programme of deep cleaning. Incident reporting – invite visitor feedback, including concerns regarding failure to maintain social distancing and/or anti-social behaviours via theclerkmtc@aol.com									
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Notes

This is a revised RA.

Since 11 May 2020 the level of risk to visitors has increased as lock down has eased. Existing control measures have been reviewed and amended to maintain our earlier risk rating (RA 23 March–11 May 2020).

During the drafting process we have carefully considered points raised in colleagues' feedback and have consulted the government guidance below.

Resources consulted

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safer-public-places-urban-centres-and-green-spaces-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/construction-and-other-outdoor-work#outdoors-5-3>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/884370/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-transport-guidance-for-operators.pdf