

## Appendix 23

### Template: Risk Assessment For Parish Activities Involving Children



*This template is for use by Parishes to conduct a risk assessment on any Parish activities involving children*

Name of Activity:	eg: Outdoor Liturgy Group (see examples below)		
Date of Activity:	Reoccurring Event (circle): YES or NO		
<b>Risk Assessment Steps</b>			
<b>Step 1</b>	Identify the activity, then identify the risks: what could happen, how could it happen		
<b>Step 2</b>	Consequence/s of the risk: what could happen, how could it happen		
<b>Step 3</b>	Mitigate the risk: what mitigation strategies are in place to minimise or control the risk, what further controls could you put in place? Completed Risk Assessment to be signed off by Parish Priest		
<b>Step 4</b>	Share and discuss the Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies with those involved in the activity, including volunteers and parent helpers, and the children and young people		
<b>Step 5</b>	Evaluate the process: did it work, what more can be done to create a safe environment? Update your plan if improvements can be made for next time		
<b>Plan prepared by:</b>			
Name	Sign	Date	
<b>Plan approved by Parish Priest or Safeguarding Office:</b>			
Name	Sign	Date	Contact number/s
Emergency phone numbers for this activity	Name		
<i>Please Note: Add or subtract the rows in the table below depending on how many risks you identify</i>			
<b>Identify Risk(s)</b>	<b>Consequence of the Risk</b>	<b>Mitigation Strategies</b>	<b>Person/s responsible</b>
e.g. sunburn	e.g. child unwell, sunstroke, burns, dehydration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Find shady area to sit if possible</li> <li>Ensure sunhats are worn, sunscreen and water provided</li> </ul>	
e.g. unsecured exit/entry points	e.g. child goes missing, strangers have access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Find shady area to sit if possible</li> <li>Ensure sunhats are worn, sunscreen and water provided</li> </ul>	
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