

PLAY LINK

Risk-benefit workshop – an introduction

This workshop will focus on play in parks and non-staffed playgrounds, including those within housing estates.

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We will then contact you*



Q. What is our aim?

A. Nothing less than to liberate providers from the grip of mistaken assumptions and to enhance providers' confidence in their ability to make sound judgments about the balance to be struck between benefits and risks.

Risk & play: are we afraid of giving children the best possible play opportunities?

We know that many service providers are concerned at children's and teenagers' loss of independence and scope for action but are uncertain about how to balance their freedom to play with 'acceptable' risk levels: what should children and teenagers be allowed to do? What is 'an acceptable level of risk'?

The **Risk-benefit workshop** is proving itself to be a powerful tool for the development of more engaging play, leisure and recreation, adventure and outdoor education opportunities.

This introductory workshop is mainly for those with responsibility for parks and non-staffed playgrounds, including those within housing estates.



Warning! In case you didn't know

Workshop Content

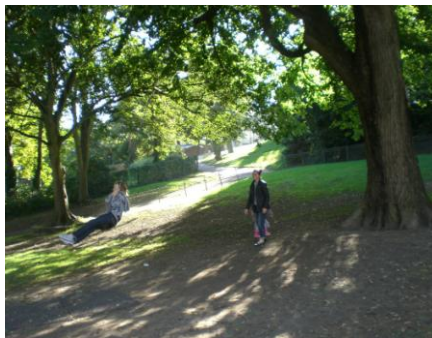
Each workshop is designed to be interactive and responsive to the specific concerns of participants. We aim to cover at least the questions and topics below. We conclude with all participants doing a selection of risk-benefit assessments.

- Play: how we speak about it
- Culture of anxiety: how it affects judgement
- Negligence: the difference between negligence and an accident

- Reasonableness: how can you show that you make reasonable judgements about risk levels?
- What constitutes a serious injury?
- Public perceptions of risk.

Significant advances

In addition to Managing Risk in Play Provision: implementation guide, the risk-benefit approach has received additional endorsement in Lord Young's 'Common Sense, Common Safety' report to, and accepted by, Government. He recommended shifting, 'from a system of risk assessment to a system of risk-benefit assessment'.



Tree swings. Aspects of PLAYLINK schemes
Too risky? Or just a return to common sense?



Who has attended

National Trust, Park departments, Schools, Housing Officers, Children's Services, Health and Safety Officers, Out of school provision; Play associations, Play Services, Playworkers.

How many workshop participants?

Generally, it is best not to exceed 20 participants per workshop but there can be some flexibility on this.

Cost

£45.00 plus VAT per participant. Payable in advance (we will invoice once booking received).

Booking/add name to list

To book please go to <http://www.playlink.org/contact> and enter your details

Risk-benefit support

PLAYLINK can support providers in all settings to conduct a risk-benefit assessment.

It is the responsibility of the provider to make judgments about the balance to be struck between risk and benefit. This responsibility cannot be out-posted.

It is PLAYLINK's view that there is some confusion about the role of external inspections and their relationship to risk-benefit assessment.

PLAYLINK supports and works alongside authorities, agencies and organisations that have begun to use – or want to start using -the risk-benefit assessment approach.

This support is designed to work with you on specific 'real-time' assessments. The nature of the support will be tailored to suit your particular situation. The strategic aim is to embed an in-house confidence and capacity to undertake risk-benefit assessments.

To discuss the risk-benefit assessment support, phone 020 7720 2452, or contact us on <http://www.playlink.org/contact>.