

Risk Assessment Summary

This risk assessment identifies potential hazards associated with Aston Fencing Academy sessions and outlines control measures to minimise risk and ensure a safe environment for all participants.

Hazard Identification and Control Measures

1. Slips, Trips and Falls

Risk: Injury caused by slipping or tripping

Control Measures:

- Training area checked before each session
- Floors kept clear of bags, equipment and hazards
- Suitable footwear required
- Immediate action taken to remove hazards

Risk Level: Low

2. Equipment Misuse

Risk: Injury caused by incorrect use of fencing equipment

Control Measures:

- Only approved, child-safe equipment used
- Equipment checked regularly for damage
- Clear instructions provided before use
- All activity supervised at all times

Risk Level: Low

3. Contact Injury

Risk: Injury through physical contact during fencing activities

Control Measures:

- Activities structured and controlled
- Beginner-level, non-aggressive drills used

- Emphasis on safety, control and discipline
- Protective equipment used where required

Risk Level: Low to Moderate

4. Behavioural Issues

Risk: Unsafe behaviour causing injury to participants

Control Measures:

- Clear rules explained at the start of each session
- Code of conduct enforced
- Immediate intervention if behaviour becomes unsafe
- Removal from activity if required

Risk Level: Low

5. Medical Emergencies

Risk: Illness or injury during sessions

Control Measures:

- Emergency contact details collected via waiver form
- Basic first aid available
- Paediatric first aid trained coach present
- Emergency services contacted if required

Risk Level: Low

6. Safeguarding Risk

Risk: Child safety concerns or unauthorised collection

Control Measures:

- No child left unattended at any time
- Safe collection procedures in place
- Password system used where required
- Parents responsible for drop-off and collection

Risk Level: Low

7. Venue Hazards

Risk: Hazards within hired venues (e.g. uneven flooring, obstacles)

Control Measures:

- Visual inspection of venue before sessions
- Unsafe areas avoided or controlled
- Activities adapted to suit the space available

Risk Level: Low

8. Fire or Emergency Evacuation

Risk: Injury during emergency situations

Control Measures:

- Awareness of venue emergency exits
- Clear evacuation procedures followed
- Participants guided safely out of the building

Risk Level: Low

Overall Risk Level

Low to Moderate, within a controlled and supervised environment

Additional Safety Measures

- Sessions are designed to be safe, structured and age-appropriate
 - Group sizes are kept manageable to allow proper supervision
 - Equipment is suitable for children and regularly maintained
 - Clear communication is maintained with parents and guardians
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Review

This risk assessment will be reviewed annually or sooner if there are any changes to activities, venues or safety requirements.

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