



Open-Garden Risk Assessment Template

Likelihood x Severity Matrix

	Slight harm	Harmful	Very harmful
Unlikely	Trivial	Slight	Moderate
Likely	Slight	Moderate	Substantial
Very likely	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable

This pre-entered text is simply for illustration. You should always create your own Risk Assessment relevant to your circumstances.

Assessor Name:	Location of Wildlife-Friendly Open Garden:
Date of assessment:	Date of Open Garden:
Additional risk factors to add and consider on the day: <i>(e.g., the weather or any areas which have been designated out of bounds since you completed your assessment)</i>	

Hazard If children or vulnerable adults are present, remember to include safeguarding risks.	Who is affected and how many people? e.g. staff, volunteers, members of the public	Typical outcome e.g. minor injury, serious injury, death	How will the risk be controlled? Who will control the risk? How will the control measure be communicated?	Remaining Risk Level e.g. likely x harmful = moderate (using the Likelihood / Severity matrix above)
Slips, trips and falls	All visitors	Minor injuries through serious injuries - sprains, bruising, cuts, broken bones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carry out pre-event garden inspection and ensure any dangerous areas are taped off and avoided. - Use hazards poster to highlight any areas where care should be taken. - point out any known hazards to visitors (i.e steps, slopes, uneven pathways) 	Unlikely x Harmful = Slight
Over-hanging branches	All visitors	Cuts, grazes, eye injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct visitors on a safe route around the garden. - Carry out a pre-event check for any obstacles and remove any small branches at eye level over the route. 	Unlikely x Harmful = Slight
Pond	All visitors	Drowning, sickness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Euse hazards poster and ensure visitors are made aware of the location of the pond, and that children are accompanied by an adult around it. - If you are doing any pond dipping activities, ensure that all participants wash hands afterwards. 	Unlikely x very harmful = Moderate
Plants (toxic or allergens)	All visitors	Allergic reaction, anaphylactic shock, sickness, death	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notify visitors of any known toxic or allergen plants close to path and warn visitors not to touch. - Use hazards poster to highlight if any hazardous plants are present. 	Unlikely x Very harmful = moderate

This section is for you to complete your own risk assessment (continue on another sheet if necessary)

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