

Statutory Framework for the EYFS

The statutory framework for the EYFS states the following for the specific legal requirements for risk assessment:

- The provider must conduct a risk assessment and review it regularly – at least once a year or more frequently where the need arises.
- The risk assessment must identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis: providers must maintain a record of these particular aspects and when and by whom they have been checked. Providers must determine the regularity of these checks according to their assessment of the significance of individual risks.
- The provider must take all reasonable steps to ensure that hazards to children- both indoor and outdoors- are kept to a minimum.

The statutory framework for the EYFS states the following for which providers should have regard to in connection with risk assessment:

- The risk assessment should cover anything which a child may come in contact with.
- The premises and equipment should be clean, and providers should be aware of the requirements of health and safety legislation (including hygiene requirements). This should include informing and keeping staff up to date.
- A health and safety policy should be in place which includes procedures for identifying, reporting and dealing with accidents, hazards and faulty equipment.