Risk Assessment for outdoor tyres

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| **Name of Setting****Humberston Cloverfields Foundation Stage** | **Who might be harmed?**Children  |
| **Hazards** | **The Following Control Measures are in Place**  | **High / Med / Low risk** | **Any further action needed?**  |
| Bumps from falling off tyresFalling off tyres when bouncingTyres slippery when wet or frostyTripping over tyresBumps and bruises from falling on rough surface | Don’t push other children. Look around & think before you jump across tyresOnly 1 person allowed to bounce on a tyres at a timeTyre park not to be used in wet or frosty weatherWalk, don’t run on the tyresWalk, don’t run in the tyres | MediumLowLowLowLow | See below |

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| **Hazards** | **Further Action Needed / Additional Control Measures** |
| Choosing and care of tyresMedium risk element | * Only accept or obtain tyres that are intact. Inspect thoroughly and ensure they have have no piercings (such as a nail going through the wire) and no exposed wires and strips. They have a metal mesh inside and once the rubber wears down this can come loose. Remember to check inside the tyre as well as on the outside surface. Use heavy duty gloves to do this, and continue to check your tyres on a regular basis for wear and tear. Replace as necessary and promptly as they can very quickly deteriorate and become sharp. Only use tyres that are in good condition.
* Clean the tyres thoroughly using detergent and water. Check that the tyre surface will not leave black marks on clothing. Some tyres are softer than others and cause more markings.
* If you paint your tyres, use gloss or masonry paint and make sure the surface is clean and dry. Bright colours can look a bit garish to consider using pastel colours.
* If tyres get dirty during play, wash them down with a hosepipe. It’s a lot of fun for children to do this!
* Unless your tyres are covered up, they will collect rainwater! Watch this doesn’t become stagnant and empty out daily.
* In countries where snakes and spiders exist, then painting the insides white and teaching children to check carefully before using are sensible measures to put in place.
* Tyres can get very hot on hot days so may need to be put out of action on hot summer days.

Pupils should be taught how to behave on the tyres, numbers should be limited and poor behaviour addressed according to our staged behavior policy.  |