

Children's Services

Using the Young Carers activity risk assessment template

Examples of the information to include under the first 4 headings in the table are listed below.

Activity posing a risk

An activity or element where there is potential for harm to be caused. Examples of incidents posing potential risk:

- event – virtual or in person
- competition – virtual or in person
- training course – virtual, in person, e-learning or a combination of these
- coaching session – remote coaching or in person

What are the risks?

It is useful to start by considering any risks that could be posed by the activity. For example:

- inappropriate behaviour between participants
- lost or missing participants
- being aware of concerns to participants outside the sports environment (for example, in the family home)

In assessing risk, consider the likelihood of harm being caused and the impact of this upon the individuals, and particularly the children and young people involved. This can then be used to assess whether the risk is high, medium, or low, and to consider how to mediate any risk.

Risk level (H/M/L)

Estimate the risk level without the benefit of any control measures.

Risk = severity x likelihood

- High – certain or near certain that harm would be caused if risk were not removed

- Medium – the likelihood of harm is probable without mediation
- Low – there is a low risk of harm, or this will be simple to prevent

What precautions have been taken or will be taken to reduce the risk?

All levels of risk will require control measures to reduce the risk level to as low as is reasonably practicable. This could be through, for example:

- increasing the staffing to participant ratio
- reviewing the codes of conduct and communicating these to all
- ensuring clear safeguarding information is available