


RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment for:	USE OF THE SPINNING DISH	Prepared by:	H&S Co-ordinator – S.L & V.D
		Assessed by SLT:	
Location:	ROSEWOOD FREE SCHOOL, SO16 5NA	Date of Assessment	May 2026
		Review Date:	May 2028

Hazard	Who might be harmed?	Hazards Identified which may cause harm – consequence	Existing Level of Risk	Control Measure and Precautions Taken	Additional Control Measures or Further Action Required	Remaining level of Risk
Hoisting learner in & out of spinning dish	Employees, Learners, third parties	Injury to back or other musculoskeletal injuries due to low working and unstable surface. Static electric shock hoisting out directly after a session. Learners may be active in sling, may move in the dish and cause an impact injury.	Med - 15	All staff to attend Moving and handling induction and yearly refresher training. Use the spinning dish on the laminate flooring or P.E/roll mat only, not the carpet. This will prevent any static build up and make it easier and less strain to use the dish. All learners have an individual risk assessment detailing if the spinning dish is suitable or how many staff are needed to safely undertake each manoeuvre and keep safe in equipment. All staff have an individual risk assessment with personal control measures if needed. Overhead hoist systems enable staff to follow all safe moving and handling practices e.g. bend knees and move to the floor to guide learners into dish. Learners will have sufficient staffing and postural support (e.g. pillows) throughout		Low - 5

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				<p>their session in the dish to stay safe.</p> <p>Pack 3 sides of underneath the dish up to prevent the dish rocking whilst hoisting the learner into it. This will give a closer flatter area for the Learner to land in. Remove packing slowly to prevent sudden movement.</p>		
Moving spinning dish from their storage to classroom / learning environment	Employees & third parties	Injury to back or other musculoskeletal injuries due to size and awkwardness of spinning dish or spinning dish falling over.	Med - 15	<p>The dish is stored safely to the wall by use of hook and rope.</p> <p>Staff must roll the red dish along the corridor to the desired space. No need to lift. Use of 2 staff members if required to roll and place down on floor or to stand back onto its side.</p>		Low - 5
Spinning the dish	Employees, Learners, third parties	Injury to back or other musculoskeletal injuries whilst using dish.	Med - 15	<p>All staff attend moving and handling induction and yearly refresher training.</p> <p>Staff to pay particular attention to their posture throughout this activity.</p> <p>All staff has an individual risk assessment with personal amendments if needed.</p> <p>Spinning on laminate flooring rather than P.E/roll mats will minimise effort needed to spin.</p> <p>Avoid use on the carpet.</p>		Low - 5
Using the spinning dish	Learner	The Learner may make their own way out of the spinning dish causing an impact injury on the floor.	Med - 9	<p>Appropriate matting should be used for around the dish for active learners that may find their way off the dish.</p> <p>Staff to be vigilant whilst learner is using the dish.</p>		Low - 3

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Using the spinning dish	Learner	Mobile learners not using the dish may make their way to the dish and make contact with the dish, whilst it's being used causing varying injuries.	Med – 9	Staff to be vigilant to all learners in the setting whilst a learner is using the dish.		Low - 3
Using the spinning dish outside	Employees, Learners, third parties	Injury to back or other musculoskeletal injuries whilst using dish. Bumps and scrapes.	Med – 9	Dish used on P.E mat to minimise travel. Surrounding area to be sufficiently padded for safety. Only learners who can access the spinning dish independently. 1-1 supervision throughout.		Low - 3
High likelihood of risk – Likely to occur immediately or in the near future Medium likelihood of risk – will occur in time if no preventative action is taken Low likelihood of risk – Remote or unlikely to occur						

Date Reviewed	Comments
June 2017	Initial assessment
May 2020	Annual update
May 2022	General update
May 2024	General update
May 2026	General update