**Risk assessment**

 **Key Points for childminders**

* **Why:- legal requirement - EYFS –**

 **Good practice**

 **Safeguards children**

 **Protects practioners**

* **Natural:- we do it all the time**

 **Adults can make their own judgements but children**

 **are vulnerable and we have responsibility to them.**

 **Therefore we need to anticipate what risk might be**

 **We also need to consider parents and other**

 **professionals who enter our setting.**

* **What should risk assessments be:-**

 **OUTINGS – INDIVIDUAL ie Zoo, Grays beach (HSE ten questions to ask)**

 **OUTINGS - REGULAR:-**

**Walking to school**

 **Walking to the park**

 **Walking to local shops**

 **Using public transport**

 **Using practioners car**

 **Public swimming pool**

 **HOME – indoor and resources and the use of mobiles/**

 **cameras , children in sight and or hearing**

 **outdoor areas and resources**

 **Yourself- medication-illness etc**

 **Assistants**

 **ADDITIONAL RISKS TO CONSIDER:-**

 **Pets**

 **Trampoline**

 **Swimming/paddling pools**

 **Specific medical condition**

 **Personal**

**All supported by daily visual checks**

* **When?:-**

 **Start of your CM business**

 **Annually**

 **6 monthly reviews for good practice**

 **As a risk develops or something changes or becomes**

 **obvious - evaluate and reconsider**

 **support with daily visual checks – it is good practice to record these**

* **How to risk assess:-**
1. **Need to consider what the hazard is and whether it is high, moderate or low priority**
2. **Who might be harmed and how**
3. **What risk does the hazard create and**

**how we can reduce the risk through control measures. Can never eliminate all risks you need sensible risk management**

1. **Recording the findings and implementing them**
2. **How we review the risk and the**

**changes that we need to update.**

**See booklet Key skills in childcare – RISK ASSESSMENT –**

[**http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/media/KSSP/risk\_assessment\_cc.pdf**](http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/media/KSSP/risk_assessment_cc.pdf)

[**http://www.hse.gov.uk/schooltrips/tenquestions.htm**](http://www.hse.gov.uk/schooltrips/tenquestions.htm)

**See Ofsted guidance – Requirements for risk assessments**

**See EYFS welfare requirements**

**See leading to excellence** [**www.ofsted.gov.uk**](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk) **twenty-questions-for-early years**

**As Registered Childminders who aim to be or maintain good or outstanding inspection outcomes the quality of your risk assessments is high priority.**