**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.**