

# SAMPLE RISK ASSESMENT FORM:

## PARACHUTE GAMES

[This should be adapted to fit into your specific organisational requirements]

Date form completed:	
Name of person completing form:	
Group Leader / Teacher:	
Venue for proposed activity:	

		Potential severity of harm		
		Slightly Harmful 1	Harmful 2	Extremely Harmful 3
Likelihood of harm occurring	Highly unlikely 1	Trivial 1	Tolerable 2	Moderate 3
	Unlikely 2	Tolerable 2	Moderate 4	Substantial 6
	Likely 3	Moderate 3	Substantial 6	Intolerable 9

HAZARD	Likelihood of Risk score: [1-3]	Severity of Risk score: [1-3]:	Overall Risk score: [likelihood x severity]	Hazard reduction measures to be undertaken: [tick when completed]	✓
<b>WEATHER:</b>					
Cold / Wet / Stormy weather	1	2	2	- Cease activity or move activity indoors	
Sun – risk of sunburn & sun stroke	2	2	4	- Suitable clothing. Sun Hats. Sun cream. Drinks available.	
High Winds – risk of parachute blowing away	2	2	4	- Cease activity or move indoors	
<b>EQUIPMENT:</b>					
Misuse of Equipment	2	2	4	- Leader to brief children on rules and hazards	
Faulty Equipment	2	2	4	- Leader to check parachute for tears and other hazards before use	
<b>LOCATION / TERRAIN:</b>					
Slips / Trips / Falls	3	1	3	- 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid kit & First Aider available	
Collisions	3	2	6	- Leader vigilance. 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid kit & First Aider available.	
Uneven playing surface	2	2	4	- Leader to clear playing area of stones, sticks etc...	
Static objects	2	2	4	- Select playing area away from dangerous static objects	
Adjacent activities	2	1	2	- Leader to ensure there is a large enough playing area	
<b>OTHER:</b>					
Strangulation by parachute	1	3	3	- Do not play games where parachute can become twisted round child's neck	
Loose jewellery catching on parachute	2	2	4	- Require all jewellery and loose articles to be removed	
Bent fingers through general use	3	1	3	- Regularly encourage children to hold parachute correctly. - 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid kit & First Aider available	
Dirty Hands (if used outside) leading to germs	3	1	3	- All children to wash hands upon returning inside	

**REMEMBER:** Activities scoring 1-6 (Trivial, Tolerable or Moderate) can be completed with surety once any RA hazard reduction measures are in place. Any activity scoring 7-8 (Substantial) should not be attempted unless additional hazard reduction measures are identified in order which would bring down the score. **Any activity scoring 9 should not be attempted.**

Group leader signature: ..... date: ..... Can the proposed activity take place? YES / NO