

Garden safety checklist



Slips, trips and falls

Keep paths, steps, decking and patios clear, level and well-maintained

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Remove leaves, moss and garden debris

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Ensure good lighting for evening use

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Install handrails where needed

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Hazardous substances

Check for toxic plants

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Store chemicals in original labelled containers

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Keep chemicals locked away and out of children's reach

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Follow manufacturer instructions carefully

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Water safety

Fence-off or cover ponds, water butts and hot tubs

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Supervise children near any water

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Empty paddling pools and other water containers immediately after use

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Store empty containers to prevent refilling by rain

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Play equipment

Regularly check condition of equipment

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Refer to and follow RoSPA guidance for using trampolines safely

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Barbecues & fires

Set up barbecues/bonfires away from buildings, fences and plants

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Supervise at all times and keep water nearby

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Never use petrol, paraffin or meths

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Let coals fully cool before disposal

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Never use or cool barbecues indoors

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Tools and equipment

Buy all garden products from reputable retailers

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Store tools out of children's reach and keep electrical equipment dry

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Keep all tools, electrical and hand, well-maintained and check them for damage before use

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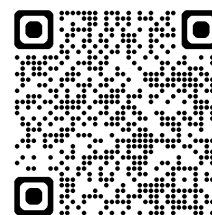
Wear appropriate PPE e.g. gloves, boots, goggles

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Use an RCD with outdoor electrical items

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Position ladders at the correct angle on level ground. Avoid overreaching and have another person present while using

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Scan for more guidance