

# Garden safety checklist



## Slips, trips and falls

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

Remove leaves, moss and garden debris

Ensure good lighting for evening use

Install handrails where needed

## Hazardous substances

Check for toxic plants

Store chemicals in original labelled containers

Keep chemicals locked away and out of children's reach

Follow manufacturer instructions carefully

## Water safety

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

Supervise children near any water

Empty paddling pools and other water containers immediately after use

Store empty containers to prevent refilling by rain

## Play equipment

Regularly check condition of equipment

Refer to and follow RoSPA guidance for using trampolines safely

## Barbecues & fires

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

Supervise at all times and keep water nearby

Never use petrol, paraffin or meths

Let coals fully cool before disposal

Never use or cool barbecues indoors

## Tools and equipment

Buy all garden products from reputable retailers

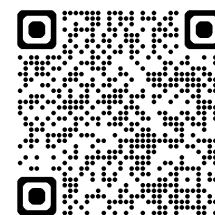
Store tools out of children's reach and keep electrical equipment dry

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

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

Use an RCD with outdoor electrical items

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



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