

Children's Play And Leisure – Promoting A Balanced Approach

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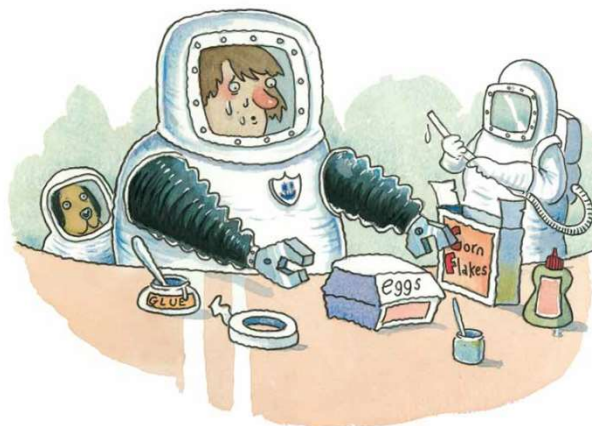


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Myth: Egg boxes banned as they may cause salmonella



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Myth: Children need to be wrapped in cotton wool to keep them safe

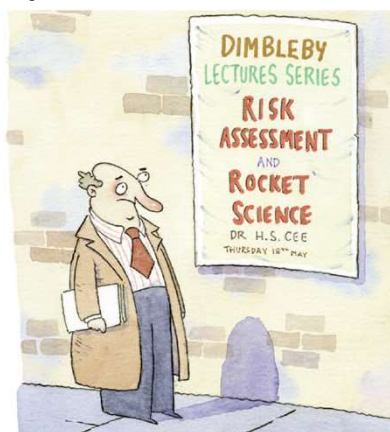


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Myth: Risk assessments are too complicated for me to do!



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Myth: Health and safety rules take the adventure out of playgrounds



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The HSE and Play Safety Forum joint statement makes it clear that:

- Play is important for children's well-being and development
- When planning and providing play opportunities, the goal is not to eliminate risk, but to weigh up the risks and benefits
- Those providing play opportunities should focus on controlling the real risks, while securing or increasing the benefits – not on the paperwork
- Accidents and mistakes happen during play – but fear of litigation and prosecution has been blown out of proportion

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