

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Impact injuries as a result of falls from highchairs



Crush injuries, bruises, abrasions, cuts from pinch points



Slip injuries from spillages

What other precautions should be taken?



Clean up any spillages immediately

Babies and infants – use of highchairs

Safety Task Card STCCS 28

Unit Managers – use page overleaf to list any hazards and control measures specific to your site which are not listed below

Safe System of Work

1. Ensure that highchair is placed on level ground, clear of obstructions and that its feet are securely on the floor.
2. Ensure that folding highchairs are correctly erected.
3. Check that the highchair is fitted with a restraint to prevent the child slipping out beneath the tray e.g. crotch strap.
4. If the highchair is fitted with points to attach a restraint or harness to prevent the child standing upright and falling out or overbalancing the chair, the parent or guardian should be advised to use these to attach their own child restraint or harness to the chair.
5. The parent or guardian should be advised verbally and/or by the use of clearly legible signage that they are responsible for placing the child into the highchair correctly and for ensuring that the child remains seated and is not left unsupervised.
6. Clean up spillages as they occur and use wet floor warning signs when appropriate.

If you have any concerns, stop and speak with your line manager before proceeding.

