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Palaeontology box Hazard Identification Sheet

This Hazard Identification Sheet that lists each item in this Loans Box, its related hazards, and possible ways to reduce those risks (control measures).
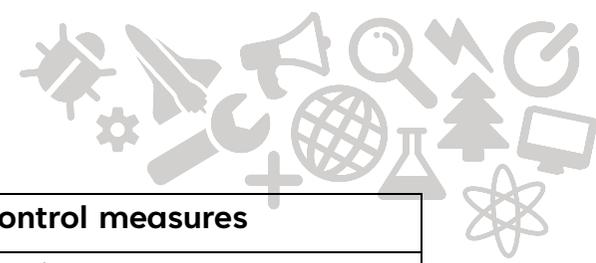
It is important for your school to use this information to create your own risk assessment that fits your specific context and environment. Doing so helps ensure that any potential risks are properly identified and managed, keeping both pupils and staff safe while exploring STEM topics with the Loans Box. By taking responsibility for the risk assessment process, schools can make sure the activities and resources provided align with your existing safety protocols. We expect you to Risk Assess the use of the box, in line with your existing procedures, prior to using the materials with children.

All the items in the loans box are carefully checked by us prior to delivery to your school. If you find anything you believe to pose additional hazards to children (not identified on the sheet), please remove them from the box and contact us.

Item	Risks	Control measures
Box of fossils	Choking hazard- small pieces	• Warn children to keep equipment away from their mouths

Item	Risks	Control measures
Plastic fossils	• Impact injury from inappropriate use	• Ensure children use equipment sensibly
Dinosaur bones	• Trip hazard	• Ensure there is a large space for use, away from access points and walkways • Ensure all bones are picked up from the floor when not in use
Top trumps game	• Trip hazard	• Ensure all cards are picked up from the floor when not in use

Item	Risks	Control measures
Plastic dinosaurs	• Choking hazard- small pieces • Trip hazard	• Warn children to keep equipment away from their mouths • Ensure all dinosaurs are picked up from the floor when not in use
Dinosaur puppets	• Impact injury from inappropriate use	• Ensure children use equipment sensibly
Fossil formation boxes	• Injury from sand in eyes • Choking hazard- sand • Slip hazard- sand • Slip hazard- smashed plaster models	• Ensure sand is damp enough not to be spilled • Warn children not to rub eyes • Clean up any sand on the floor • Clean up any smashed models