



This hazard identification sheet 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
	Trapped fingers in	Warn children not
	levers	to put fingers in
	 Impact injury 	mechanisms
		Warn children to
Everyday levers for		watch out for
sorting		others when using
		the equipment
	Impact injury from	Warn children not
	flying objects	to use lever to
		launch pieces into
		the air
Balancing lever		





Item	Risks	Control measures
Wooden axles	• Stab injury	Warn children that they should not push the pieces too hard into other pieces, themselves or others
Wooden pulleys	 Strangulation injury from ropes Impact injury from wooden pulleys 	 Ensure children are supervised using equipment Warn children not to put ropes around necks Warn children to stand away from pulleys while in use
Block and tackle	 Strangulation injury from ropes Impact injury from wooden pulleys 	 Ensure children are supervised using equipment Warn children not to put ropes around necks Warn children to stand away from pulleys while in use





Item	Risks	Control measures
Mini pulley set	 Choking hazard – small pieces Stab injury 	 Warn children that they should not put equipment in their mouths Warn children that they should not push the pieces too hard into other pieces, themselves or others
Cams and wheels	Trapped fingers	Warn children not to put fingers in mechanisms
Syringes and tubes	 Strangulation injury from tubes Choking hazard – small pieces Stab injury 	 Warn children not to put ropes around necks Warn children to not put equipment in their mouths Warn children that they should not push the pieces too hard into other pieces, themselves or others





Item	Ricke	Control measures
Balloons and pump	Risks • Latex allergy • Choking hazard — small pieces • Stab injury	 Control measures Check for allergies before use Warn children that they should not put equipment in their mouths Warn children that they should not push the pieces too hard into other pieces, themselves or others
Class set of 20 gears packs	 Choking hazard – small pieces Stab injury 	 Warn children that they should not put equipment in their mouths Warn children that they should not push the pieces too hard into other pieces, themselves or others
Set of 100s of pre- cut levers	Choking hazard if used with split pins	Warn children that they should not put equipment in their mouths

