**Use of Hand held kitchen equipment - risk assessment**

# HIAS MOODLE OPEN RESOURCE

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**Overview**

**This document contains…**

You will find guidance on using Hand held kitchen equipment in Primary schools.

**Points to consider when using this resource**

This is guidance only, please adapt and amend to suit the needs of your students.

**Use of Hand held kitchen equipment - risk assessment**

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| **Hand held kitchen equipment** |
| Please sign in the appropriate space to confirm your knowledge and understanding of the hazards and the risk control measures that should be applied when using Hand held kitchen equipment. |
| **Activity** |
| USE OF HAND HELD KITCHEN EQUIPMENT |
| **Hazards** |
| • Electric shock – damage to the casing of the appliance, the plug or to a mains power cord can present an electric shock hazard. Water inside the appliance can lead to insulation breakdown and to external metal becoming live.  • Injury – sharp cutting surfaces may be hazardous if the equipment is misused or if care is not taken during cleaning or storage.  • Tripping – mains leads which trail across the floor present a tripping hazard.  • Dust – flour dust presents both a health and an allergic reaction hazard. |
| **Additional Hazards Identified** |
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| **Risk Control Measures** |
| • Instruction should be given on the correct use of hand held kitchen equipment.  • Clear instructions for dismantling and cleaning this equipment must be available and should only be done by an adult in primary schools. Appliances and cutters that cannot be removed must be cleaned with a damp cloth or paper while the appliance is unplugged.  • Only blenders with enclosed blades should be used, NB: these should only be operated by adults in primary classrooms.  • Electric shock – appliances that are repeatedly moved, plugged in and unplugged are liable to damage which increases this risk. If the power cord is long, it can be damaged by trapping in cupboard doors, by being caught in its own mechanism or by touching hot objects on a hob. Frequent visual checks and regular formal inspections reduce risks of electric shock resulting from damage to a low level.  • Hand held kitchen equipment must be tested in accordance with the establishments’ policy on Portable Appliance Testing (PAT).  • Tripping – if appliances have to be fitted with long leads which trail across the floor, the tripping risk is significant. If long mains leads cannot be avoided, they must be routed so that there is no risk of anyone tripping over them.  • Dust – using mixers with open top bowls can cause a cloud of dust to enter the air. If any mixer tends to produce a cloud of flour dust, it should either be fitted with a lid or the method of adding flour to the mix should be chosen to minimise the problem. If there are asthmatic pupils in class then dust masks can be used. |
| **Additional Control Measures Identified** |
| **(If you have identified additional hazards you must describe what additional control measures need to be put in place)** |
| **All relevant staff have been made fully aware of the contents of this risk assessment** |
| Date of Risk Assessment:  Date of Review:  Name(s) of Assessor(s):    Signature of Subject Leader/Coordinator:  Signature of Headteacher: |

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