

We wish to inform you that the dentist or hygienist will carry out a **RISK ASSESSMENT** under a Child Protection Policy, and may ask you to rebook if your child is under the age of 16 years old. You have the option to proceed with a risk assessment with the dentist / hygienist or you may wish to rebook your appointment before a risk assessment is carried out. Please note that we are unable to determine whether a patient will attend their appointment with a child until their time of arrival.

Risk Assessment for Children

	Children cannot be left alone in the waiting room		Noises / disturbances / disruptions
	Coming into contact with strangers in the waiting room		Child has to be out of room during x-ray taking
	Direct access to street		Trapped fingers in door during to x-ray taking and other times
	Hot Radiators		X-rays discussions regarding findings (if any)
	Staff unable to accept responsibility at any time		Discussions in front of child
	Trip hazards in surgery		Child is required to wait 20-30 minutes
	Sharps / counter tops / equipment hazards		Bacterial aerosol during treatment
Age group for consideration		baby, toddler, preschool / scholar, teenager	
Feedback from parent / guardian			
Decision by clinician discussed			

