

Matrix for risk zoning and tree inspection

Risk Zone	Land use (examples)	Frequency of access	Tree attributes (where known)	Level of inspection	Frequency of inspection
1	Major road or busy junction where cars static under tree(s) School buildings or immediate environs and school main access / busy playgrounds Urban centre Hospital buildings / main access	Constant to very frequent access /occupancy including frequent access by unsupervised or partially supervised children	Maturing or mature trees	Arboricultural	Annual (consider basic inspection after severe weather conditions)
			Young trees or mature trees regularly managed as pollards	Basic	Quinquennial for young trees, triennial for mature trees managed as pollards
2	Busy road / footway pavement or road junction / bus stop with peak times traffic where cars or pedestrians static under trees School grounds or less well-used playgrounds Frequently used buildings including college buildings	Very frequent to frequent access / occupancy including regular access by unsupervised or partially supervised children or by people with reduced mobility and other impairments that elevate risk	Maturing or mature trees	Arboricultural	Biennial or annual as driven by tree condition (consider basic inspection after severe weather conditions)
			Young trees or mature trees regularly managed as pollards	Basic	Quinquennial
3	Peak times traffic (pedestrian or vehicular) including main access to colleges, or buildings with regular use	Some access throughout the day but busy during peak times, or sporadic use / access by unsupervised or partially supervised children or by people with reduced mobility and other impairments that elevate risk	Maturing or mature trees, especially if large	Basic or refer for arboricultural inspection if required	Triennial or more frequent as driven by tree condition
			Young trees or mature trees regularly managed as pollards	Basic	Quinquennial
4	Occasional traffic or use including most rural roads and regularly used woodland paths	Sporadic access only	Mature or large trees	Person with good working knowledge of trees, or refer for basic / arboricultural inspection if required	Regular though casual observation
5	Infrequently used rights of way including minor woodland paths	Access is rare	Mature or large trees	Landowner / occupier should be familiar with tree stock, seeking advice where required	Occasional casual observation
6	No formal public access including private land with no rights of way / permitted paths	Access is not foreseeable	No applicable	None likely to be required	None likely to be required