

DOWN AT THE FARM RISK ASSESSEMENT – THE VISITING PUBLIC 2009

WHAT ARE THE HAZARDS?	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED & HOW?	Control Measures	Risk Rating after control measures put in place	Further action necessary?
Bites and scratches from animals	Visiting Public/children	Clear, visible signs saying please do not feed the animals, they may bite. No petting of animals without supervision. Staff members aware of animals which pose a threat. Staff members trained to know which animals are acceptable for which age group of children. Animals which bite (i.e the skunk and some of the reptiles) cannot be handled by children at all.	Moderate	Continuous assessment of new animals and introduce new signs as necessary.
Cross contamination from animals	Visiting Public/children	15 alcohol rub stations, 2 water hand wash stations and signs clearly denoting washing hands and why. Parental supervision is always necessary. All staff inform visitors at every animal activity to wash hands.	Moderate	Continuous cleaning of fences, animal pens, all contact surfaces. Implement staff training programme for all new staff members.
Being hit by a car in car park	Visiting Public/children	Signs explaining that children must be supervised at all times, traffic calming signs in place with 5 mile/hr limit. One way system only.	Moderate	
As above in the over flow car park and crossing the road	Visiting Public/children	As above. New pedestrian crossing with clear visibility of the road before crossing	Moderate	
Electric Shocks from electric fencing around Mara Pen	Visiting Public/children	Low voltage Electric Fencing is switched off during the day and switched on at night to prevent	Acceptable	

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		predators		
Electric Shocks from electric fencing around Raccoon Pen	Visiting Public/children	Low Voltage Electric Fencing is isolated within a double fence so that the public cannot access it. It is switched on during the day but is not a risk to the public. At times where it is switched on during the day there will be signs up and a double fence.	Moderate	
Injuries as a result of contact with the ponds	Visiting Public/children	Both Ponds are inaccessible and the public do not come into contact with them on their way round the park, therefore they pose no risk. Adult supervision is required at all times in the park.	Acceptable	
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Injuries as a result of animal activities: Pig Washing, reptile handling	Visiting Public/children	All pig washing activities are carried out under the supervision of trained staff and parents. Parents/teachers have a choice as to whether to allow their children to do this activity. All staff trained to know how to handle this activity. Snake handling – this activity is very high risk and requires at least 2 members of staff to control the animal and guide the public watching.	Moderate	Constant evaluation of animals' behaviour. No young children will be put at risk with this activity.
Ram Grooming	Visiting Public/children	Ram Grooming is carried out by a trained member of staff who holds the animal at all times	Moderate	Constant evaluation of animals' behaviour. No young children will be put at risk

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Pony Rides	Visiting Public/children	Pony rides are carried out by a local riding school. Hats are essential and two members of staff are present at all times.	Moderate	
Injuries as a result of being on or near the Tractor and Trailer ride	Visiting Public/children	The Tractor ride is carried out by a highly trained staff member who is qualified to drive such equipment. Procedures are currently in place which means that ride does not commence until the back door is shut and all children are seated. The trailer is designed to carry people in a safe manner.	Moderate	Routine maintenance of equipment. Tractor rides only commence when the ground conditions are correct.
Injuries as a result of walking on construction zones around the farm	Visiting Public/children	All work under construction is fenced to avoid the public walking onto them Public have no access. Safe lock up door is always closed to so that children cannot access.	Moderate	Evaluate any new work areas such as Animal feed areas which may pose a risk to the public.
Injuries as a result of contact with play equipment	Visiting Public/children	All play equipment in the play area is constructed to highest standards – supplier is certified- British Safety Standards. All children are supervised on play equipment by their own parents. Routine checks on all play equipment and surfaces	Moderate	
Injuries as a result of contact with Jumping Pillow	Visiting Public/children	A large, very comprehensive sign details what the public should and should not do on the pillow. Toddler time is the first 15 mins every hr	Moderate	

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