



Health & Safety Risk Assessment Template

This assessment is intended to be used by Schools and Group Leaders to aid them drawing up their own risk assessment.

This is not your risk assessment as it cannot cover transport, levels of supervision and similar but demonstrates what the farm has done to control the risks. Teachers and Group Leaders are welcome to attend the site for a pre-visit check to undertake their risk assessment.

Action	Hazard(s)	Who might be affected?	Our Control Method(s)
Using Play Equipment and Rides	Slips, Trips & Falls Fall from height	Children / Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular checks by team members • Adequate depth of play surface within play areas • Any holes to netting or safety mats reported and equipment replaced or repaired • Safety signage and warnings in place • Play equipment maintained by approved contractors and cleaned by team members • Daily visual checks, weekly safety checks and monthly routine checks take place throughout the year and are recorded
	Incorrect use of equipment	Children / Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular checks by team members • Safety signage and warnings in place • Rules of play in situ and available for guardians to read • Children stopped if misusing equipment and guardian informed • Guardians advised to appropriately supervise children

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle rides take place in fenced off and gated track • Play equipment maintained by approved contractors and cleaned by team members • Daily visual checks, weekly safety checks and monthly routine checks take place throughout the year and are recorded
Visiting Farm	Slips, Trips & Falls	Children / Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Layout and routes are planned to minimise risks to visitors, although ground is farmland and will be uneven and there may be slip or trip hazards • Walkways kept clean and clear at all times • Rubbish and waste materials are removed regularly • Sensible footwear is advised
	Injury from Animals	Children / Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs displayed where necessary stating do not touch / feed the animals • Verbally told on entry which animals not to feed • No feeding of the horses, donkeys, or ponies • All council and independent advice considered and actioned • Feeding, holding and grooming of certain animals should only be allowed under staff supervision at designated times • Where possible physical barriers and double fencing are used • First aid cover available by trained members of staff
	Pregnant Visitors	Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety signage displayed to make visitors aware of the dangers of being around animals and livestock when they are pregnant. • Do Not Enter signage displayed for high-risk areas. • Hand washing stations available throughout the site to maintain high levels of hygiene and sanitisation.

	Ill Health from Animal Born Infections (Zoonosis)	Children / Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and staff are reminded to thoroughly wash hands after contact with animals after each daily activity, reminded that there is a no food and drink policy around the animals • Safety brief provided to all visitors, all visitors made aware of the risks • Fresh running water and liquid soap should be available at hand washing stations • Keep all hand washing stations clean and tidy • Correct hand washing instructions provided at hand washing stations for visitors' information • Only authorised personnel should enter animal living pens • Eating areas kept at distance from animal contact areas • Daily cleaning and visual checks, weekly cleaning and safety checks and monthly routine checks take place throughout the year and are recorded • Veterinary isolation pen away from public • Good relationship with local vets and trading standards • Regular animal health inspections by our vets
	Injury from Fire or General Park	Children / Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire extinguishers provided in each building. • No smoking is permitted within any buildings. Dedicated areas around the farm park • Trained first aid and fire marshal staff • First aid facilities available from Farm Reception and within the Park
	Injury from other visitors	Children / Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children asked to be supervised • Staff supervision around the park at all times • Managers trained in dealing with complaints and confrontational situations

	Lost children	Children / Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children must be supervised at all times • One single gated and staffed entrance • One single gated and staffed exit • Lost child protocol in place • Exits from park gated and controlled by staff
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Additional Controls to be considered before visit:

- All schools and organised groups should undertake their own risk assessment for the visit.
- Teachers read through the 'Health and Safety Notes for Teachers' available on our website.
- On arrival, the Group Leader should inform the farm of arrival PRIOR to the group disembarking from the vehicle. This is to ensure arrangements for the visit can be put into place and children are not in the car park area waiting as there may be moving vehicles.
- All visitors are reminded that suitable footwear is advised– nonslip footwear such as trainers, boots or Wellingtons are ideal. Wet weather clothing / warm clothing is advised during the winter months.
- Your own formal procedure should be documented for lost children & communicated to the group.
- High risk groups whose exposure to zoonotic infections could have serious effects, such as persons undergoing some cancer treatments, people without a spleen, organ transplant recipients should be made aware of the risk of zoonotic disease from animals.