



RISK ASSESSMENT FOR GROUP VISITS

This risk assessment may be used as a model for your own. It is not intended as a substitute for an exploratory visit by the group leader. Free exploratory pre-visits can be arranged by contacting us. This risk assessment should be used in conjunction with the information on the Health and Safety Executive's website www.hse.gov.uk and the information on our own website www.beckyfalls.com. Group leaders must also read our Code of Conduct for Visiting Groups.

| HAZARD | ASSOCIATED RISKS | WHO IS AT RISK? | ACTION REQUIRED TO CONTROL RISKS: | RESPONSIBILITY: |
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| Moving vehicles in car park | Risk of being injured by moving vehicles | All group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supervision - Group should stay clear of entrance/exit | Group leader, teacher, adult helpers |
| Crossing road from car park to park entrance | Risk of being injured by moving vehicles | All group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supervision | Group leader, teacher, adult helpers |
| Park grounds | Slip, trip or fall | All group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grounds inspected regularly by staff. - Group always under adult supervision. - Visitors should wear appropriate footwear. - Children should not run around site. | Park staff. Group leader, teacher, adult helpers. |
| Pupils exiting the park unsupervised | Risk of children getting lost. | Children | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group always under adult supervision | Group leader, teacher, adult helpers. |
| Uneven paths | Medium – slips and trips | All group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pupil briefing by group leader about the need to walk carefully around the park | Group leader, teacher, adult helpers. |
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| General public | Child welfare risk | Children | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular head counts - Lost children are taken by park staff to the park café | Group leader, teachers, adult helpers. |
| Risk from river, waterfall | Risk of drowning, slips, falls, collisions | All group | <p>Group briefed on required behaviour, ie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not to push others into water, - be particularly careful at the water's edge, - step slowly/carefully and beware of slipping on wet rocks, - no diving or jumping into the water is allowed, <p>Each group member wears appropriate footwear Group is set, and stays within, clear boundaries which define an area that can be properly supervised.</p> <p>Regular and frequent head counts made by group leaders.</p> | Group leader, teachers, adult helpers. |
| Danger from animals | Risk of being bitten or scratched | All group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pupil briefing on park code of conduct by group leader - Safety barriers in place - Feeding of animals is prohibited except at supervised animal feeding sessions | Group leader, teacher, adult helpers. |
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| Contact with animals | Risk of accidental injury or of contracting disease | All group | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Antibacterial gel provided by park. Application to be supervised by group leaders.- Thorough hand washing using soap and water. Young children should be supervised by group leaders when washing their hands.- Touching of animals should be supervised by group leaders.- Children under 5 years old and pregnant women should avoid touching animals.- For animal encounter sessions, group will be briefed and supervised by park staff.- Appropriate species selected for handling. | Park staff, group leader, teachers, adult helpers. |
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