



PLAY AWAY
ANIMALS RISK ASSESSMENT

PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

Play Away recognises that the natural environment cannot be totally risk free. All groups participating in on-site activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their groups activities.

- Play Away's animals are kept to enhance the centre in order for visitors to enjoy.
- Risks and hazards involved can be minimised with common sense and competent supervision.
- The welfare of the animals is of utmost importance to the centre.

Statement of risk

Risk is an integral part of what we do on a daily basis and can play a vital role in helping young people to acquire extremely important life skills. Accidents can happen in any type of environment due to circumstances which the individual or leader has no control over. This risk needs to be balanced against the benefit that will be regained through enhancing and developing knowledge and understanding of the animals.

You must ensure a competent person supervises all participants on site at all times.

The Health and Safety Executive defines a '**competent person**' as someone who has sufficient training and experience or knowledge and other qualities that allow them to assist you properly. The level of competence required will depend on the complexity of the situation and the particular help you need.

Generic hazards associated with the animals

<u>Hazard</u>	<u>Specifics</u>	<u>Consequences</u>	<u>Preventative measure</u>	<u>Participant Action</u>
Animals	Biting, scratching, kicking, trampling, gauging , drowning	Being bitten, Being scratched, Being kicked, Being trampled Being gauged Drowning	Washing hands, Wearing gloves, Wearing the appropriate clothing, Ensuring there is suitable signage where needed.	Site Manager to communicate to animal staff to ensure that they are competent and confident with the handling, daily care of the animals at Play Away.
Zoonotic diseases	All the animals	Transmission of disease from animal to human. Salmonella/E Coli Leptospirosis Lyme disease Orf Ringworm	Washing hands, Wearing gloves No food and drinks in the animal area. Ensuring there is appropriate signage.	Pre-advice from Site Manager All Cuts need to be covered All footwear to be cleaned before departure.
Shallow Duck Bathing Pool	Drowning, falling in, tripping/ slipping.	Falling Slipping Tripping Drowning	Ensuring there is appropriate signage. Avoiding the overuse of practically wet areas.	Pre-advice from Site Manager Avoiding the overuse of practically wet areas.
Allergic Reactions	Reactions to animal fur Reactions to dust	Reaction specific to each individual	Wear appropriate clothing including goggles, masks, gloves	Staff to have given relevant medical details to Site Manager.

<u>Hazard - Pig</u>	<u>Those at risk</u>	<u>Specific</u>	<u>Existing Precautions</u>	<u>Risk Level</u>	<u>Severity</u>	<u>Likelihood</u>
Biting	All	Being bitten or trampled while moving, restraining or administering medication	Pig enclosure is a Staff only area. Ensure appropriate signs are in place. Staff to use a pig board when dealing with the pig.	H	5	3
Zoonotic Diseases	All	Erysipeloid Salmonella Streptococcal sepsis	Staff to thoroughly wash hands after dealing with the pig. Disposable gloves can be worn.	M	5	3
Slipping Tripping Falling	All	Slipping in wet conditions Slipping on Faeces Tripping over stones Falling down holes	Appropriate footwear and clothing to be worn. Fields regularly checked for holes(these to be filled) Check paddock for faeces and clean regularly.	M	5	4

<u>Hazard - Alpacas</u>	<u>Those at risk</u>	<u>Specific</u>	<u>Existing Precaution</u>	<u>Risk Level</u>	<u>Severity</u>	<u>Likelihood</u>
Kicking/Spitting /Trampling	All	Being kicked, Spat at, or trampled while moving, restraining or administering medication	Alpaca enclosure is a staff only area. Staff to work in a pairs Calm and confident behaviour by all.	H	5	4
Zoonotic Diseases	All	Bovine tuberculosis Salmonella Brucellosis E-Coli	Staff to thoroughly wash hands after dealing with the alpaca. Disposable gloves can be worn.	M	5	3
Slipping/Tripping	All	Slipping in wet conditions Slipping on Faeces Tripping	Appropriate footwear and clothing to be worn. Fields regularly checked for holes(these to be filled) Check paddock for faeces and clean regularly.	M	5	4

<u>Hazard - Sheep</u>	<u>Those at risk</u>	<u>Specific</u>	<u>Existing Precautions</u>	<u>Risk Level</u>	<u>Severity</u>	<u>Likelihood</u>
Slipping Tripping Falling	All	Slipping in wet conditions Slipping on faeces Tripping over/ Falling down holes	Appropriate footwear and clothing to be worn. Fields regularly checked for holes(these to be filled) Check paddock for faeces and clean regularly.	M	5	4
Zoonotic Diseases	All	Anthrax Brucellosis Cryptosporidiosis E. coli Giardiasis Louping ill Orf Ovine chlamydiosis Q fever Salmonella Toxoplasmosis	Staff to thoroughly wash hands after dealing with the Sheep Disposable gloves can be worn.	M	5	3

<u>Hazard - Goats</u>	<u>Those at risk</u>	<u>Specific</u>	<u>Existing Precautions</u>	<u>Risk Level</u>	<u>Severity</u>	<u>Likelihood</u>
Gauging	All	Being gauged while moving, restraining, feeding or administering medication	Goat enclosure is a staff only area Staff are to work in pairs when dealing with the goats.	H	5	4
Zoonotic Diseases	All	Anthrax Brucellosis Cryptosporidiosis E. coli Orf Q fever Salmonella	Ensuring staff through wash their hands after dealing with the goats. Disposable gloves can be worn.	M	5	3
Slipping Tripping Falling	Staff	Slipping in wet conditions Slipping on faeces Tripping over/ Falling down holes	Appropriate footwear and clothing is worn Fields regularly checked for holes (these to be filled) Check paddock for faeces and clean regularly.	M	5	4

<u>Hazard – Rabbits and Guinea Pigs</u>	<u>Those at risk</u>	<u>Specifics</u>	<u>Existing Precautions</u>	<u>Risk Level</u>	<u>Severity</u>	<u>Likelihood</u>
Biting/Scratching	All	Being bitten or scratched by rabbits and guinea pigs	Staff to ensure correct handling methods are used while in contact with the rabbits and guinea pigs. Forms of restraint are performed correctly.	H	3	4
Zoonotic Diseases	All	Ringworm Salmonella Encephalitozoonosis Mange Pasteurella multocida	Ensuring Staff thoroughly wash their hands after dealing with rabbits and guinea pigs, Disposable gloves can be worn.	M	5	4
Slipping Tripping Falling	All	Slipping in wet conditions Tripping/Falling over stones, logs and animals.	Appropriate footwear and clothing is worn when area becomes wet. Fields regularly checked for holes(these to be filled) Check paddock for faeces and clean regularly.	H	5	4

<u>Hazard - Hens</u>	<u>Those at risk</u>	<u>Specifics</u>	<u>Existing Precautions</u>	<u>Risk Level</u>	<u>Severity</u>	<u>Likelihood</u>
Scratching/ Pecking	All	Being Scratched or Pecked by hens while handling, feeding, collecting eggs and administering medication	Staff to ensure correct handling methods are used while in contact with the rabbits and guinea pigs. Forms of restraint are performed correctly.	M	5	4
Zoonotic Diseases	All	Avian influenza (Bird Flu) Botulism Campylobacter E. coli Salmonella	Ensuring staff thoroughly wash their hands after contact with the hens. Disposable gloves can be worn.	M	5	4
Slipping Tripping Falling	All	Slipping in wet conditions Tripping/Falling over stones, logs and animals.	Appropriate footwear and clothing worn when area becomes wet. Fields regularly checked for holes(these to be filled) Check paddock for faeces and clean regularly.	H	5	4

<u>Hazard - Ducks</u>	<u>Those at risk</u>	<u>Specific</u>	<u>Existing Precautions</u>	<u>Risk Level</u>	<u>Severity</u>	<u>Likelihood</u>
Scratched/ Pecked	All	Being Scratched or Pecked by Ducks while handling, feeding, collecting eggs and administering medication	Staff to ensure correct handling methods are used while in contact with the rabbits and guinea pigs. Forms of restraint are performed correctly.	M	4	4
Drowning	All	Drowning in the duck pond	Staff to ensure they have a radio on them at all times. If working alone, access area with caution. CCTV in operation.	H	5	3
Zoonotic Diseases	All	Avian influenza (Bird Flu) Botulism Campylobacter E. coli Salmonella	Ensuring staff thoroughly wash their hands after contact with the ducks. Disposable gloves can be worn.	M	4	3
Slipping Tripping Falling	All	Slipping in wet conditions Tripping/Falling over stones, logs and animals.	Appropriate footwear and clothing worn when area becomes wet. Fields regularly checked for holes (these to be filled).	H	4	3

Advised footwear when using -

Outdoor areas: Flat non-slip shoes/trainers.

In wet weather, boots or wellies are advised due to muddy conditions.

First aid equipment is kept in all the buildings on site (near the main door in the animal centre); main first aid box is in the office. All groups are informed of location of the office on arrival.

- Qualified first aider
- Nearest A&E Hospital – Airedale General Hospital
- Report to manager (or weekend staff) immediately