

# Stay Safe when visiting our farm

Following the simple rules listed below will help to keep you and your children safe from E. coli O157 and other infections that may be found on open farms. Pregnant women need to take extra care.



**This sign means  
Now Wash Your  
Hands**

You may see this sign all around the farm and it is there to remind you to wash your hands.



**This sign means  
STOP and Wash  
Your Hands**

You may see this sign at the entrance to cafe's and at the exits to the farm and it is there to STOP you leaving the farm without washing your hands.



**If you see this  
sign it means this  
is where you can  
wash your hands**

**This is a Clean Hands Zone**



# What to do when visiting a farm

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## Do Not's

- **Do not use gels or wipes instead of washing hands with soap and water. Gels and wipes do not remove E. coli that is in dirt.**
- Do not put hands on faces or fingers in mouths while touching animals or walking round the farm
- Do not kiss farm animals nor allow children to put their faces close to animals
- Do not eat or drink while touching animals or walking round the farm. This includes not eating sweets, crisps or chewing gum.
- Do not eat anything that has fallen on the floor.

## Do's

- Do wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after you have touched animals, fences or other surfaces in animal areas.
- Do wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before eating or drinking.
- Do wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after removing dirty shoes or boots that have been worn on the farm.
- Do supervise children and vulnerable adults in your care closely to ensure that they wash their hands thoroughly.
- Do eat and drink in picnic areas or cafes only.

**Carers and Parents:** you must ensure that the children/people in your care wash their hands thoroughly.

