



Risk Assessment Forms - alternative options for visits to farms/gardens

The following example risk assessment forms are specifically designed for planning visits to a farm or garden.

They aim to help you to identify any hazards that may put young people or other visitors at risk and show the safety measures that you have considered/put in place that prevent them from happening.

The examples of possible hazards and safety measures given are generic. We have included generic. You may want to include risks that are particular to your group.

Please feel free to adapt as necessary.

Factsheet

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Example 1

Risk assessment for visit to farm/garden

Address:

OS grid reference:

Contact name:

Tel number:

Nearest hospital:

Site access for emergency vehicles:

Date risk assessment prepared:

Date risk assessment last updated:

Activity	Hazards	Risk level (High/medium/low)	Action - risk reduction measures	Post action risk levels
E.g. Using coach	Straying into road, injury from vehicles	High	Alight in car park. Teachers supervise road crossing- children immediately directed away from main road.	Low
E.g. Walking on the farm/garden	Injury from slipping and falling; wet ground	Low	Children & teachers to wear suitable clothing and footwear. Teachers to maintain group discipline. Walking routes selected as fit for purpose	Low
	Badger or rabbit holes	Medium	Brief children about holes. Point out areas where they occur during the walk	Low
	Animal contact/proximity			
	Falling into canals, ditches, streams, ponds			
	Infection- bacteria contact			
	Stings from insects			
	Chemical contact			
	Crossing public roads/tracks`			
	Getting lost			
Farm/garden operations	Injury from working machinery			
	Injury from stationary machinery			
	Injury from unstable buildings/unsecured large doors/gates/ladders			
	Injury from tools			
Specific locations	Disused pit			
	Nearby cables and wires			
	Steep slopes			
	Busy delivery area			
	Public access			
Weather conditions				

Example 2

Visit to:

On:

Date of assessment:

People involved	How many?
Farm staff	
Visiting staff	
Pupils	
Other	
Child to adult ratio	

Potential hazard Include risks posed by the site, and possible added risk factors for those with special needs, and circle the appropriate risk factor.	Risk factor					Control Measures Are there any control measures already in place, which reduce the hazard? (Give details)	Likelihood of occurrence ...if we take into account control measures?					Risk x Likelihood More than 12? Further steps must be taken to reduce the hazard
	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5	
E.g. Risk of injury from spades, forks, etc						E.g. Only small and lightweight tools used						
E.g. Risk of Infection from dirty hands						E.g. Protective gloves worn, wash hands at end of activity.						
	1 = negligible 2 = slight 3 = moderate 4 = severe 5 = very severe						1 = unlikely 2 = possible 3 = quite possible 4 = likely 5 = very likely					



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