

RISK ASSESSMENT REINDEER/PONY RIDES/MOBILE FARM

Potential Hazard	Who is at risk?	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating	Preventative Measures	Responsibilities
Virus/germs from touching animals/E coli	Customer	Recommend that customers cleanse hands after contact. (pregnant women need to be aware that they cannot have contact with sheep or lambs) Provision of antibacterial hand wash, plus portable sink units where facilities are not available.	Low	Signage advising visitors of the farm to wash hands after contact with the animals. Verbal instructions from handlers to wash hands after contact. Risk assessment and HSE recommendation provided to customers of the petting farm on booking and displayed on the company website.	Handlers/customer/teachers/guardian/parent.
Animal bites	Customer/employees	Verbal warning from handlers.	Low	Additional warning signs and verbal warning on contact.	Handlers
Slips/trips/falls on floor covering and straw	Customer/employees	Verbal & visual warning.	Low	Sign to warn of trip hazard.	Handlers
Animal waste	Customer	Immediately removed by handlers.	High	All animal waste stored within sealed container and returned back to Woodstock farm for correct disposal.	Handlers
Animals escaping	Customer	Enclosed areas for each animal type and supervision by experienced, trained handlers.	Low	Handlers control customer contact, manage customer numbers and reduce sudden movements.	Handlers/ Operations manager
Possible injuries	Customer	First aid kits on hand for any minor injuries.	Low	A visual warning covering slips trips and falls, bites and hygiene. Safety helmets provided for pony riding.	Handlers
Unpredictable animal behaviour	Customer/employees	Enclosed areas for each animal type and supervision by experienced, trained handlers.	Low	Trained handlers. Advise that no dogs or other animals which may be viewed as a potential threat approach the area.	Handlers
Barriers/enclosures	Customer	Secure erection of barriers by our own handlers. Ground sheet under enclosures to carry waste and create a 2 ft screen in order for cleanliness e.g children not touching low bars.	Low	Barriers have been tested at Woodstock Farm and are checked before each event.	Handlers
Transporting water	Customer	Carefully transporting water using containers	Low	Use sealed water container to reduce risk of spillage.	Handlers
Movement of animals	Customer/Handler	Use of halters and/or suitable animal containers and due care.	Low	Smaller animals transported with animal containers, staff to ask for assistance at any time required for movement of larger animals.	Handlers

NB: All signs to include images. **In the Event of an injury to persons or animals:** 1. Notify one of Woodstock Farm team (handlers) 2. Assist the handlers if necessary 3. If necessary call emergency services

METHOD STATEMENT

We will:

1. Ensure Animals are penned & secure before customers arrive.
2. Be punctual, arriving in time to set up suitably for the event.
3. Ensure cars are parked in a uniform manner.
4. Ensure gates are closed, fencing & play area are in good condition when customers have entered.
5. Co-ordinate with handlers/staff/customers.
6. Check area selected for pony rides/Activites/parading.
7. Checks – Security of pens and health and safety (I.e. signs, hand wash).
8. The handlers will then proceed with displaying animals at allocated times.
9. Any animals that show signs of aggression or tiredness will be immediately removed.
10. Use regulation equipment.
11. The area which has been used will be cleared of any excess waste or debris, surfaces to be cleaned & disinfected.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ABOVE RISK ASSESSMENT AND METHOD STATEMENT

SIGNED.....NAME.....