

St Augustines Farm Risk Assessment

Hazard	Risk	Control measures	
Chemicals	Chemicals can cause harm	Minimal use because farm is organic. All chemicals are kept locked in shed.	Low
Dangerous animals	Dangerous animals can hurt people and cause damage	No bulls kept on farm. No rams kept on farm. Male animals castrated young.	Low
Ponds	Danger of slipping and drowning	Ponds with heavy public use have been fenced. Care should be taken near other ponds	Low
Ditches and bridges	Danger of slipping and drowning	Ditches fenced in areas of high visitor use. Bridges fenced in areas of high visitor use. Ditches are fenced at sides of bridges. Care should be taken near other ditches.	Low
Working farm	Uninformed visitors entering working areas	Working areas kept separate from public areas. Permanent and temporary fencing and signing as required.	Low
Tractors and machinery	Normal farm tractor risks. Visitor tractor risks.	Visitors must be kept away from working tractors. Tractor drivers must be aware of potential hazards from visitors at all times. Tractors must be driven slowly and a watch must be kept when visitors may be present. Drivers must be competent to operate tractors and machinery.	Low
Zoonoses	Risk of disease from contact with animals	Provide ample washing facilities with hot water and bactericidal liquid soap and paper towels. Instruct visitors to wash before eating and on leaving at introduction at periods during visit. Children not to put hands, pencils etc in mouth. Children not to eat animal feed.	Low
Poisonous plants	Risk of illness	Posters displayed. Children instructed not to touch plants.	Low
Insect bites	Can cause stings and reactions	Rubbish bins provided. Children told not to drop food.	Low
Farm machinery	Risk of injury	Working farm machinery to be kept away from visitors	Low

Straw and hay barns and ricks	Danger of falling from stacks, danger of stacks falling	Stock orchard barn fenced away from visitors. Other precautions taken as required	Low
Fire Risk	Inflammable materials	No smoking allowed around farmyard and buildings	Low
Tea room	Cuts	Plastic but no glass used in refreshments	Low
Animal medicines and needles	Misuse	Locked in shed. Used medicines and sharps returned to vet for disposal	Low
Children and school visits		Safety talk given to school parties as part of welcome talk on arrival	
Ladders, wheels etc	Danger of falling on or from	Tied up or laid down. When ladder in use and cannot be laid down, scaffold board tied to ladder to prevent unauthorised use	Low
General safety	Identify staff for visitors	Staff normally wear uniform	Low
Other dangers		Verbal warnings given as required	

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