

St Augustines Farm Risk Assessment.

St Augustines Farm is a working farm which has visits from schools and the public. Action is taken to keep the public and the working areas separate. Staff are instructed to be aware of the potential risks.

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 or rams kept on farm. Male animals castrated young	Low
Ponds	Danger of slipping and drowning	Ponds near heavy public use have been fenced. Care should be taken near other ponds	Low
Ditches and bridges	Danger of slipping and drowning	Ditches and bridges fenced in areas of high visitor use. Ditches are fenced at sides of bridges. Care should be taken near other bridges	Low
Working farm	Uninformed visitors entering working areas	Working areas kept separate from public areas. Permanent and temporary fencing and signage as required.	Low
Tractors	Normal farm tractor risks Visitor tractor risks	Visitors must be kept away from working tractors. Tractor drivers must be aware of potential hazards to visitors at all times. Tractors must be driven slowly and a watch must be kept when visitors may be in the vicinity. Drivers must be competent to operate tractors and machinery	Low
Zoonoses	Risk of disease from contact with animals	Provide ample washing facilities with warm water and bactericidal liquid soap and paper towels. Instruct visitors verbally and by signage to wash after handling animals and before eating. Children told not to put hands in mouth or eat animals' feed.	Low
Poisonous plants	Risk of illness	Posters displayed.	Low
Insect bites	Can cause stings and allergic reactions	Covered rubbish bins provided to discourage litter dropping. Any litter cleared quickly.	Low
Farm machinery and sharp tools	Risk of injury	Working farm machinery and tools to be kept away from visitors and in locked shed when not in use.	Low
Straw and hay barns and ricks	Danger of stacks falling and falling from stacks	Stock Orchard barn fenced away from visitors. Straw and hay near visitors in small quantities	Low
Fire risk	Inflammable materials, hay and straw	No smoking allowed in farmyard and buildings	Low
Animal medicines and needles	Misuse	Needles and syringes locked in shed	low
Ladders, wheels, gates, hurdles	Danger of falling on or from	These items stored away from public or tied up or laid down. When ladder in use and cannot be laid down, scaffold board tied to ladder to prevent unauthorised use.	Low
Cafe	Slippages and cuts	Floors kept free of spillage, plastic glasses used	Low
Large groups of children in group visits	Lack of awareness of danger	Safety talk given on arrival outlining possible hazards and creating awareness	low
General safety	Where to access help	Staff normally wear uniform First aid box in cafe	Low
Intermittent dangers	Current work activity Broken equipment	Hazard warning tape used and temporary signage	Low

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For group visits we recommend that you produce your own risk assessment but if you wish to use this as a basis for your own assessment, you must also accept responsibility for it as your own.

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