Hamerton Zoo Park School Visit Risk Assessment Guidelines

We strongly recommend that visit organisers undertake their own risk assessment, specific to their own group and visit. This document is intended for guidance only.

ACTIVITY	HAZZARD	RISK L/M/H	CONTROL
Car Park. Arrival and departure	Collision with moving vehicles.	M	Children must be supervised by school staff. Zoo vehicles driven by competent personnel
Moving around the park	Slips, trip and falls. Uneven surfaces, wet grass, mud.	М	School staff supervision. No running. Regular maintenance of paths. (please report any problems encountered to zoo staff) Instruct children to return to agreed point
	Lost Child Cuts and scratches	M	(Shop) if lost. No climbing on fences. Please report any problems to zoo staff. Trained first aiders available on site. First aid kits available.
Dangerous animals.	Bites and scratches. Mauling. Animal escape.	L	Warning signs Safety barriers. Feeding prohibited (except stroll-a-safari area and supervised contact) Zoo protocols to prevent animal escape.

Contact with animals. (see also "Education Risk Assessment)	Contamination, infection, allergy, accidental injury.	н	Supervision essential. Hand wash facilities available. Hand sanitiser gel available.
Nocturnal House	Trips and collisions	L	Go slow. Allow time for eyes to adjust to the dark. Staff to control number of children inside at one time.
Play areas	Falls, collisions.	н	Children must be supervised. Grass or rubber mat surfaces. Notices displayed.
Train	Entry/Exit. Falls, Trapped fingers.	L	Trained drivers. Obey driver instructions at all times. Driver only to open and close carriage doors. Do not lean out of windows. Keep arms in carriage.
	Collision	L	Auto-stop on train.

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