

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST RISK ASSESSMENT



SITE/ OPERATION ASSESSED: Outdoor Learning **ASSESSOR/PERSON RESPONSIBLE:** Wild Learning Officer
 Sessions will not take place unless a First Aider/Appointed person & First Aid Kit are available, adult:child supervision ratios can be met.

HAZARD	RISK	LEVEL	LIKELIHOOD	ACTIONS REQUIRED TO REMOVE/ REDUCE RISK
Adverse Weather	Hypothermia Heat stroke/dehydration Fatigue/exhaustion Sunburn Lightning strike	High	Low	Provide shelter where necessary Ensure access to drinking water Check weather forecast Consider cancelling, or changing your plans if wind speeds exceed gale force (37mph) or electrical storm develops Don't use gazebos, flags etc in high winds
Vehicle movements	Serious/ fatal injury	High	Low	Meet bus on arrival if possible and direct to parking space. Direct people from car park or roads as quickly as possible. Children made aware of dangers of car parks and roads. Identify safest route to cross car parks.
Separation from group	Injury/exposure	High	Low	Brief group on personal safety (Refer to Child Welfare and Safety Policy, Working with Children COP and Managing Groups Outdoors COP)
Water	Drowning, hypothermia	High	Low	Brief group on water safety (Refer to Water COP) Carry throw line
General public	Personal harm	High	Low	Brief group on personal safety (Refer to Child Welfare and Safety Policy, Working with Children COP and Managing Groups Outdoors COP)
Dogs	Dog bite/attack Dog faeces	Medium /High	Low	Advise groups not to approach dogs Remove faeces where possible Hand washing facilities available
Falling trees/ branches	Serious fatal injury	High	Low	Avoid working under trees in high winds Prohibit access to unsafe areas
Livestock	Trampling /Serious injury	High	Low	Brief the group on safety with livestock when passing animals Avoid working in close proximity to livestock

	Infection	Medium	Low	Wash hands thoroughly after work in area used by livestock
Wasp/bee stings	Anaphylactic shock	High	Low	Tape off known hives/nests and avoid area Use signage to advise
Infected tick bite	Lyme disease	High	Low	Wear appropriate long clothes. Advise to check for ticks after visit & visit GP if flu-like symptoms or rash develop.
Leptospirosis bacteria	Weil's Disease	High	Low	Provide waterproof gloves to cover open cuts/eczema Provide hand washing facilities & advise to visit GP if flu-like symptoms develop.
Insufficient hand-washing facilities	Infection	Low	Low	Provide portable hand washing facilities Advise to wash hands after activity