

**RISK ASSESSMENT AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR
SCHOOL VISITS**

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Trafford, Chester CH2 4EB**

In an emergency stay calm. Dial 999 and state which emergency service(s) you need. State your location clearly. Site access for emergency vehicles is from the A56 Warrington Road. The entrance is on the opposite side of the road from, and half way between, Beesley & Fildes and Meadow Fishery.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Cheshire Police HQ (Winsford):	0845 458 0000
Cheshire Police (Mickle Trafford):	0845 458 6394
Countess of Chester Hospital (A & E):	01244 365000
Huw Rowlands:	07950 963526
Mickle Trafford Shop & Post Office:	01244 301165
Nags Head, Bridge Trafford:	01244 300206
R.E.K. Rowlands & Partners:	01244 300655
Upton Village Surgery (Doctors):	01244 382238

Please remember that this is a working farm and be aware of potential hazards. Children should be kept under supervision at all times, and should be restricted to areas designated for farm visits.

Emergency and first aid procedures and equipment are located in the farm house and at the Nags Head. A first aid kit and sterile handwipes are also carried by your tour leader.

This risk assessment covers farm visits and tours for agricultural, educational and recreational purposes, and is aimed at those who might be harmed during the course of a visit.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>ASSOCIATED RISKS</u>	<u>POTENTIAL FOR HARM</u>	<u>CONTROLS & REMEDIAL ACTIONS</u>	<u>OUTCOME</u>
Alighting from vehicles.	Slips, trips & falls.	Medium.	Use designated parking area.	Low.
Crossing A56 Warrington Road.	Injury or death from traffic collision.	High.	Children must be supervised. Adults to wear high visibility coats.	Low.
Running.	Slips, trips, falls & strains.	Low.	Everyone must be aware of the risks of mud & uneven surfaces. Appropriate footwear must be worn.	Low.
Straying into prohibited areas.	Unidentified hazards.	High.	Dangers will be emphasised in the safety briefing at the start of the visit. Supervisors will accompany children at all times & monitor their movements. Areas of danger are fenced and warning signs erected.	Low.
Farm operations using machinery.	Injury or death from collision with farm machinery.	High.	No vehicle movements to take place when visitors are in the farm yard. Contractors to be advised of visits in advance. Visitors to be kept in a group at a safe distance from working machinery.	Low.
Gates & barriers.	Injury from attempting to climb. Dirty surfaces resulting in cuts & infection.	High.	Gates to be opened & closed by farm staff conducting the visit.	Low.
Contact with	Injury.	High.	Risks to be	Low.

cattle & horses.			explained in safety briefing. Visitors to be kept separate from adult cattle, especially cows with calves, bulls, & young males. Farm staff must accompany visitors at all times.	
Contact with cattle & horses.	Zoonoses. Infection transferred from animal to human.	High.	Risks to be explained in safety briefing. Visitors are not allowed to touch cattle. Infected cattle to be isolated and kept away from visitors. Supervisors will ensure that children do not put their hands near their mouths during the visit, and ensure that footwear and hands are washed before eating and before leaving the farm. Pregnant women to be advised not to visit.	Low.
Electric fences.	Mild electric shock.	Medium.	Visitors to be warned about fences & kept away from them.. Where contact is unavoidable, fences will be plastic coated and warning signs displayed.	Low.
Old & unsafe buildings.	Injury from falling debris, falling through floors.	High.	Dangers to be explained in the safety briefing. Children to be supervised at all times. Buildings	Low.

			are designated prohibited areas & “Keep Out” signs displayed.	
Slurry lagoon.	Drowning.	High.	Ensure fences are maintained and gate is locked shut. Display warning notices and keep visitors away from this area.	Low.
River, brooks, ditches, ponds, cattle troughs.	Drowning.	Medium.	Explain dangers in safety briefing. Ensure supervision of children. Keep a safe distance from water and use bridges to cross watercourses.	Low.
Sluice Gate.	Injury from fall.	Low	Ensure children are supervised to prevent them from climbing the ladder. Metal railings and warning notices have been installed by the Environment Agency.	Low.
Dogs.	Bites.	Medium.	Keep dogs shut away from visitors.	Low.
Idle tractors & vehicles.	Visitors gaining access & starting engines.	Medium.	Keep vehicles locked where possible, and ensure that keys are not left in ignition.	Low.
Railway line.	Trespass. Death from being struck by train.	Medium.	Visitors to be supervised. Request fence maintenance from Network Rail. Explain dangers and fines in safety briefing.	Low.
Poisonous & harmful plants.	Ingestion, cuts, grazes.	Medium.	Dangers of plants to be explained in safety briefing, especially	Low.

			ragwort, deadly nightshade, giant hogweed, hawthorn, nettles.	
Smoking.	Potential to start fire.	Medium.	Ensure visitors smoke only in designated areas. Provide sand buckets for extinguishing smoking materials.	Low.

- **This risk assessment is not intended to be fully comprehensive.**
- **Separate risk assessments exist for Trafford Mill and the Nags Head.**

Huw Rowlands
13/10/2007

Next Review Due 13/10/2008.