

### Risk Assessment Information

<b>Site Name:</b> Lee Valley Park Farms	<b>Emergency Information:</b> In an emergency, dial 999. Site accessed via Stubbins Hall Lane.
<b>Address:</b> Stubbins Hall Lane, Waltham Abbey, Essex, EN9 2EF	<b>Emergency Hospital:</b> The Princess Alexandra Hospital, Hamstel Road, Harlow, Essex, CM20 1QX  <b>Tel:</b> 01279 444455
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ACTIVITY	HAZARD	RISK	PRECAUTIONS
<b>Disembarking from coaches in the car park</b>	Slipping, tripping, falling, sprains, danger from other vehicles	Low	Drivers should adhere to parking guidelines and instructions from staff. Children must be adequately supervised with the correct adult to child ratio, as per L.E.A guidelines. Children should be directed when to alight and do so with care. Supervisors should not let children walk across car parks without adult supervision.
<b>Walking on wet or uneven surfaces, following trails</b>	Slipping, tripping, falling, sprains	Medium	Pathways are swept regularly to remove debris and any obstacles are routinely cleared. Supervisors and children should wear sensible and appropriate clothing and footwear with adequate grip, and take care when walking on uneven or slippery surfaces. Supervisors must instruct children that there is no running on site.
<b>Climbing walls, gates or other machinery or structures outside the playgrounds</b>	Slipping, tripping, falling	Low	Children must be adequately supervised with the correct adult to child ratio, as per L.E.A guidelines, and instructed not to climb on walls, gates, machinery or other structures around the farm.

<p><b>Contact with animals</b></p>	<p>Infection and disease, including E-coli</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>All animals and activities on the site are supervised by farm staff trained in hygiene messages and protocols. Animals, stables, pens and walkways are disinfected and cleaned regularly. Members of the public are not allowed inside the animal pens. Supervisors should ensure that any open wounds are covered with waterproof plasters before handling animals. They should also ensure that children thoroughly wash and dry hands using the facilities that are clearly signposted after handling any animal, before eating or putting their hands in their mouth and before leaving the farm. Adults should supervise children while washing hands. Adults should also follow any instructions on animal handling where given and ensure that children do the same. Non contact animals are kept separate from the public. Designated eating areas provided, with hand washing facilities. Signage in place to instruct members of the public to wash their hands before eating - before and after using play areas.</p>
<p><b>Contact with animals</b></p>	<p>Biting, nipping, scratching, kicking and trampling</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Supervisors should make sure that children do not access areas that are fenced off or have 'Staff Only' and 'No Entry' signs. They should also make sure that children pay attention to signs that say 'Do Not Feed'. Animals are closely monitored and farm hands will ensure that any animals who display stressed or unfriendly behaviour are fenced off from areas where visitors have access. Animal petting is supervised by trained and competent staff who ensure that the animal to child ratio is manageable and sensible, and that the animals are used to being handled.</p>
<p><b>Contact with animals</b></p>	<p>Allergic reactions to animals or animal bedding</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Supervisors should make sure that children with allergies do not handle animals or go into areas that might trigger a reaction. Supervisors should discuss any allergies with farm hands who may be able to suggest alternative animal experiences. Staff change animal bedding frequently.</p>

<p><b>Getting on and off Tex the Tractor, and riding on the tractor</b></p>	<p>Tripping, falling, injury from moving vehicle</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Supervisors and staff should make sure that passengers get on and off Tex the Tractor safely and stand back when Tex arrives. Staff will ensure that the trailer passenger door is secured before each journey. Supervisors must ensure that children remain seated throughout the journey to the milking parlour, which is bumpy at times. The tractor is routinely checked and has a trained and competent driver. Tractor maintains a low speed during each journey.</p>
<p><b>Milking parlour</b></p>	<p>Slipping, tripping, falling, infection</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Staff will advise supervisors and children of any hazards or safety rules before entering the parlour. The parlour is cleaned thoroughly, on a regular basis before visits. Supervisors must adhere to guidelines on the number of people allowed into the parlour viewing area at any one time and should assist children in areas with steps or potentially slippery flooring. Children should be instructed not to touch any machinery or the animals in this area, unless informed they can do so by a member of staff. Supervisors should make sure children should wash hands if they touch any animals or equipment in this area.</p>
<p><b>Following paths through paddocks</b></p>	<p>Stings from stinging nettles</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Stinging nettles are allowed to grow wild in specified areas to encourage wildlife. Supervisors should ensure that children aren't allowed into these areas, and should advise children on what nettles looks like and why they should be avoided.</p>
<p><b>Indoor and outdoor play equipment</b></p>	<p>Slipping, tripping, falling, bruising</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>All equipment is regularly maintained, checked and cleaned so that it adheres to health and safety standards. However, adult supervision is required at all times on this equipment and visitors should adhere to any signs which advise height, weight or age limitations.</p>