

**NEWTON FIELD CENTRE
GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT OUTDOOR**

Activity	Significant hazard	Group of people especially at risk	Existing controls	Further action required or estimation of further risk
Outdoor activities (farmland)	Weather	Student Visiting staff Centre staff	Visitors advised to bring suitable outdoor clothing, footwear, sun protection cream (advice given hazards/essential information sent with booking form) Weather forecast checked daily and programme modified if necessary.	When working away from the centre, carry a survival blankets/spare clothing, emergency telephone numbers and a mobile phone to arrange evacuation if necessary. Remaining level of risk low
	Lost children	Students	Students work in defined areas under direct supervision of adults. Regular head counts of group/subgroups as appropriate.	Remaining level of risk low
	Slips and trips	Students Visiting staff	Students instructed to walk in an orderly safe manner.	When working away from the centre, carry first aid bag. Remaining level of risk low
	Barbed wire, nettles, prickly bushes	Students Visiting staff	Visitors warned that nettles and barbed wire are present. Students not allowed to run in an uncontrolled manner.	Remaining level of risk low
	Plants/fungi and animals (poisoning, infection)	Students	Students warned not to eat anything they find. Students warned not to pet any livestock, dogs or horses they come across	Remaining level of risk low
	Cattle in field (possible when using sites other than the grassland reserve)	Students Visiting staff Staff	Enter fields containing livestock as a group and stay together. Be especially wary of young bullocks and cows with calves. No running. Be prepared to turn back if animals become aggressive.	Remaining level of risk low
	Gates, stiles and bridges	Students Visiting staff Centre staff	Do not allow students to climb on gates. Use manual handling techniques if gates require lifting. Staff to offer assistance where crossing a stile or bridge is awkward (for example when wet and slippery)	Remaining level of risk low
	Water/soil/faeces borne disease	Students Visiting staff Centre staff	Risk of infection is minimised by advising open wounds are covered by plasters and hands are washed after activity Do not put hands in mouth or rub eyes Wash hands before lunch	Remaining level of risk low
	Tick borne diseases such as Lyme disease	Students Visiting staff Centre staff	Wear long trousers and sleeves. Tell visitors how to remove ticks and to consult doctor if fever symptoms develop after a tick bite.	Remaining level of risk low
	Drowning/immersion	Students	Do not allow students to run in an uncontrolled manner. Do not allow students to approach the edge of the river bank or pond Avoid walking near the river if it is in flood	Remaining level of risk low Remaining level of risk low
Dead/old trees	Students Visiting staff Centre staff	Avoid working near old/dead trees if wind speed is over 25 knots.		

Outdoor activities (village)	Passing Vehicles	Students Visiting staff Centre staff	Group walks in single file on footpath where present. Centre staff and visiting adults supervise crossing of road.	Remaining level of risk low
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*The above risk assessment assumes that students are adequately supervised, follow instructions, behave sensibly, and are suitably dressed. Activities may have to be curtailed if this is not the case.

Reviewed by Georgina Hand 27/06/2017