

<b>Activity/Role:</b> Taught sessions & general risk assessment		<b>Location/Dept:</b> Education	<b>WWT London Wetland Centre</b>	OS Grid Ref TQ 228 770		
<b>Date of assessment:</b> June 2008.		<b>Date for revision:</b> June 2009.		<b>Other related assessments:</b> Explore		
<b>Hazards/ hazardous events</b>	<b>Who is affected</b>	<b>Typical outcome</b>	<b>Current control measures in place</b>	<b>Risk level</b>		
				L'hood	Sev'ty Level	
Water	Children, school teachers, visitors and staff	Falling in	Vigilance. Crowd control and prior advice to group. Some staff trained in First Aid including resuscitation.	Low	Low	Adequate Control
Water	Children, school teachers, visitors and staff	Drowning	Vigilance. First Aid training for teachers. Some staff trained in First Aid including resuscitation.	Low	High	Adequate Control
Adverse weather	Children, school teachers, visitors and staff	Catching cold/ sunburn/ overheating	Advise sensible clothing. Basic First Aid. Knowledge of symptoms e.g. hypothermia/ heatstroke.	High	Low	Adequate Control
Nettles/ thistles	Children, school teachers, visitors and staff	Being stung/ rashes/ allergies	Carry radio to advise Duty First Aider if necessary. Advise ground staff if mowing necessary. Pre-warn children. Vigilance.	Low	High	Adequate Control
Fungi/ berries etc	Children, school teachers, visitors and staff	Allergic reactions	Pre-warn children. Vigilance. Carry radio for Duty First Aider. Basic First Aid.	Low	High	Adequate Control
Litter/ glass	Children, school teachers, visitors and staff	Cuts/ abrasions	Litter picking. Check site regularly.	Low	Low	Adequate Control
Ice, mud, debris on paths	Children, school teachers, visitors and staff	Slipping/ cuts/ injuries	Site inspection. Advise on adequate clothing. Good daily cleaning programme including paths in World Wetlands.	Medium	Medium	Adequate Control
Uneven ground/ trip	Children, school teachers, visitors and staff	Slipping/ cuts/ injuries	Site inspection. No loose boards.	Medium	Low	Adequate Control
Insect stings/ bites	Children, school teachers, visitors and staff	Stings and bites	Carry radio to advise Duty First Aider if necessary. Basic First Aid. Aware of danger of anaphylactic shock.	Medium	Medium	Adequate Control

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Water borne and avian diseases ie Wiels disease and bacteria from birds' faeces	Children, school teachers, visitors and staff	Illnesses	Inform of risk. Avoid putting objects that have been in contact with water or birds near mouths. Ask visitors to wash hands after contact with wildfowl, faeces and water. Avoid sick and dead birds. Ensure visitors and staff wash hands at hand washing facilities nearby. Handwash gel provided at main points of contact.	Low	High	Adequate Control
Falls, grazes, cuts, injuries etc	Children, school teachers, visitors and staff	Minor injuries	Check area is safe before undertaking games. Control group and be vigilant. Group warm up beforehand.	Medium	Medium	Adequate Control
Duck Attack	Children, school teachers, visitors and staff	Minor injuries	Crowd control, vigilance, stay on paths.	Medium	Low	Adequate Control
Machinery and equipment on site	Children, school teachers, visitors and staff	Injuries	Care by staff when using equipment in public areas- no equipment left unnecessarily unattended. Vigilance by teachers and staff when equipment present or being used as part of activity.	Low	Medium	Adequate Control
Electric fence	Children, school teachers, visitors and staff	Electric shock	Pre-warn young children. Signs in areas accessible to the public. Vigilance.	Low	Medium	Adequate Control

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Hand-feeding birds using fish pellets	Children, school teachers, visitors and staff	Allergic reactions	Pre-warn teachers & children. Advise washing hands after hand-feeding. Handwashing facilities available in Duck Tales and toilets behind AV Theatre. Vigilance. Carry radio for Duty First Aider. Basic First Aid.	Low	Hlgh	Adequate Control
Contact with blue/ green algal blooms	Children, school teachers, visitors and staff	Illnesses	Vigilance. Regular water testing to monitor risk. Inform of risk. Avoid putting objects that have been in contact with blooms near mouths. Ask visitors to wash hands after contact with blooms.	Low	Medium	Adequate Control
Playing in Explore adventure playground	Children, school teachers, visitors and staff	Falls, grazes, cuts, injuries, getting wet	Signs in playground area forewarning the public and group leaders. Vigilance. Crowd control measures by pre-booking schools. Booking confirmation to schools warns of water exhibits in Explore.	Medium	Medium	Adequate Control

#### Emergency information

<b>Nearest Telephone:</b> Office 020 8409 4400	<b>Local hospitals:</b> Charing Cross, Fulham (Adult A&E) 020 8846 1234 Chelsea & Westminster (Children A&E) 020 8746 8000 Queen Mary's Hospital (Walking Wounded) 020 8 487 6000	<b>Quality of mobile phone or radio reception?</b> Good
<b>Access point for emergency services</b> Staff & Main Gates, Maintenance Yard.	<b>Type of access for emergency services</b> Tarmac road except rough track at Maintenance Yard.	<b>First Aid Cover needed/ First Aid at Work- where provided?</b> List of current first aiders available in office.

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