

Risk Assessment

Educational Activities

Part 1 Activity: Worm Charming Event		Location:		OS Grid Ref:	
Date of Assessment: Feb 2008		Date for revision		Other related assessments?	
Hazards/hazardous event	Who is affected	Typical outcomes	Current control measures in place	Hazard present? (Y/N)	Risk Level
Activities undertaken in cold or wet weather	Children, teachers, supervisors	Hypothermia	Check weather forecast prior to event. Children to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Adapt event accordingly or cancel.		
Contact with soil	Children	Tetnus, nausea	Pre-activity safety talk includes instructing children not to put fingers in their mouths after handling plants. All children to wash their hands after activities.		
Contact with insects and other invertebrates	Children, teachers, supervisors	Stings, insect bites	Children instructed before commencing activities in areas containing stinging insects on how to behave.		
Contact with hazardous plants	Children, teachers, supervisors	Poison through ingestion of berries, nausea	Pre-activity safety talk includes instructing children not to put fingers in their mouths after handling plants. All children to wash their hands after activities.		
Use of garden equipment	Children	Bruises, sprains, cuts	Pre-activity safety talk includes instructing children to handle equipment safely. All children to be supervised when using equipment. At the end of the event children to leave equipment on the ground.		
Slips, trips or falls	Children, teachers, supervisors	Brusies, sprains, minor cuts and grazes	Children reminded and informed of areas where there is particular risk of falling. Children are encouraged not to run.		
Contact with allergens	Children, teachers, supervisors	Allergic reaction, hay fever	All teachers aware of emergency procedures and carry mobile phone.		
Contact with animal faeces	Children, teachers, supervisors		Pre-activity safety talk includes instructing children not to put fingers in their mouths after handling plants. All children to wash their hands after activities.		

	Slight harm	Harmful	Very harmful
Unlikely	Trivial	Slight	Moderate
Likely	Slight	Moderate	Substantial
Very Likely	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable

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Part 3 Emergency details and other assessments

Is heavy, sustained or repetitive manual handling involved?		If YES carry out detailed manual handling assessment	
Is the use of any hazardous substances involved		If YES ensure current COSHH assessment followed	
Are any special groups at risk (young people, pregnant workers, and nursing mothers)?		If YES carry out specific risk assessment	
Is lone working required?		If YES see lone working procedure	
PPE Needed			
Safety equipment needed?			
Assessment undertaken by:	Position:	Manager confirming assessment:	Date for revision:

Emergency information must be available.

Nearest telephone	Nearest A&E Department	Quality of mobile phone reception?
Access point for emergency services	Type of access for emergency services	First Aid cover