

Generic Risk Assessment for Off-site Visit (OV1)

This generic risk assessment is designed to prompt the Specific Risk Assessment carried out by the school/establishment.

ACTIVITY AND ENVIRONMENT: FARM VISIT

HAZARD	CONTROL MEASURES
Hazards on site including machinery, chemicals, slurry pits, animals, barbed wire, electric fences	<p>Refer to HSE information sheet AIS23: "Avoiding ill health at open farms " and the section on Farm Visits in Herefordshire Council's "Off-site Activities and Visits guidance document".</p> <p>Site is pre-visited by leader and risk assessed. If farm is regularly open for school visits, ask manager for their risk assessment for visiting groups and review this</p> <p>Plan visit and supervision to minimise risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid moving machinery • Do not climb on bales, walls or fences • Keep away from slurry tanks • Do not touch barbed wire or electric fences • Do not enter fields containing animals and do not touch or feed animals unless the farm personnel are supervising/give permission <p>NB arrangements at farms can change daily. Reassess at start of visit.</p>
Infection and illness (including EColi 0157)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow hygiene rules in DfES document Handbook for Group Leaders • Avoid transmission of infection from hand to mouth • Check hand washing facilities on pre visit • Wash hands thoroughly before eating • Change or clean footwear before leaving site, wash hands • Pregnant women avoid contact with lambing ewes
Poor group control	Close supervision, large groups split into small groups each with leader known to pupils. Leader of each group understands hazards and control measures. Overall leader remains in touch with all groups

Review generic risk assessment a) during planning and b) after visit