

Risk Assessment for General Farm Visit

EXAMPLE



Visit Date:

Primary Elements of Visit

1. Calf Feeding
2. Watching Ice Cream Being Made
3. Watching The Milking
4. Farm Walk

Severity Rating	Likelihood Rating
5 Death/Permanent Disability	5 Will most certainly happen
4 Serious Injury/Long term Sickness	4 Highly likely to happen
3 Temporary Disability	3 Possible
2 Required Medical Attention	2 Might/Less Likely
1 Minor Injury e.g. Bruise or Graze	1 Remote Possibility

Factor Risk Assessment
16 – 25 Unacceptable! Requires Immediate Action
10 – 15 A High Priority for Action
6 – 9 Medium, Do something as soon as possible
3 – 5 Low Priority, Examine the practicality of change
1 – 2 Low Risk, No further action required

1. Calf Feeding

Hazard	Severity	Likelihood	Risk Severity	Action
Tripping over uneven floor in calf unit	1	3	3	Signage & verbal warning of risk, floor will be fully swept prior to visit
Wet Floor – Visitor may slip	1	3	3	Signage, verbal warning & whoever feeds in the morning will be advised not to wash down.
Calf sucking fingers, germs may be passed to child	2	4	8	Hand washing facilities, signage on exit.
Falling off calf pens & gates	1	3	3	Do not allow any climbing. Communicate to leaders, children and put up signs
Hard butting from hungry calves	1	2	2	Inform children not to stand too close

2. Watching Ice Cream Being Made

Hazard	Severity	Likelihood	Risk Severity	Action
Step on entry to Dairy Kitchen	1	2	2	Signage & verbal warning of risk.
Wet Floor – Visitor may slip	1	3	3	Signage, verbal warning & floor not to be washed immediately prior to visit
Burn from ovens	4	2	8	Children will be kept in viewing area only. Not close to catering equipment
Food Allergies when testing the ice cream	4	2	8	Request the leaders establish this and deal with any issues prior to visit

3. Watching The Milking

Hazard	Severity	Likelihood	Risk Severity	Action
Trip on Step on entry to Parlour	1	2	2	Signage & verbal warning of risk.
Wet Floor – Visitor may slip	1	3	3	Signage, verbal warning & floor not to be washed immediately prior to visit
Falling in the milking 'pit'	2	2	4	Children will be advised not to lean over.
Cows Kicking	4	2	8	Children will be kept a safe distance from the animals and a boundary (fence) between them

4. Farm Walk & General Farm Risks

Hazard	Severity	Likelihood	Risk Severity	Action
Tripping over uneven ground	1	3	3	Signage & verbal warning of risk
Wet surfaces – Visitor may slip	1	3	3	Signage, verbal warning & advise visitors to wear suitable footwear
Calf sucking fingers, germs may be passed to child	2	4	8	Hand washing facilities, ensure all children wash hands at relevant intervals
Barbed Wire & Fences uneven edges may cause cuts	4	2	8	Children will be asked not to touch anything which looks to be sharp or hazardous
Cows Kicking	4	2	8	Children will be kept a safe distance from the animals and a boundary (fence) between them
Falling off calf pens & gates	1	3	3	Do not allow any climbing. Communicate to leaders, children and put up signs
Hard butting from hungry calves	1	2	2	Inform children not to stand too close
Tractor Traffic around the farm	5	2	10	Go Slow signs on farm, keep children in a group at all times. Fluorescent jackets.