

Activity Risk Assessment for Flower spotting

Site name: Meadow/Woodland - Priory Country Park Name of Assessor: J. Lemon Date of assessment: Jan 2006								
Ref.	Description of hazard	Those at risk	No. at risk per day	Probability of harm (a) Score 1 - 5	Severity of hazard (b) Score 1 - 5	Risk factor (a x b)	Action required	School action taken
	Poisoning by plants and berries	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	3	2	6	Advise against eating ANYTHING. Wash hands before eating.	
	Puncture wounds (e.g. hawthorn)	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	3	1	4	Verbal warning. Ask adults to shake branches for very young children.	
	Stinging plants	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	4	1	4	Verbal warning. Avoid nettles etc.	
	Insect bites/stings	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	2	2	4	Warning; avoidance; ask for any children at risk of anaphylactic shock to be identified.	
	Eye damage by low branches	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	1	2	2	Verbal warning. Adults to shake branches. Ask Park staff to cut overhanging branches back from access routes.	
	Attack by dogs	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	1	4	4	Warn children of correct behaviour (Stand still, avoid eye contact with dog). Request owners to put lead on and to remove animal from location. If troublesome phone Park staff.	
	Dog faeces	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	1	3	3	Warning to avoid. Wash hands before eating.	
	Losing sight of children, abduction, attack	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	1	4	4	Small groups with correct adult:pupil ratio. (KS1 1:5, KS2 1:8). More supervision for early years, less for older pupils. Leaders to carry name list. Regular headcounts. Warn children to stay in groups. BE VIGILANT.	
	Injury from hazardous litter (glass etc.)	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	2	2	4	Warning, avoidance, clearance.	
	Exposure to: Sun	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	3	3	9	Advance written advice to bring sunhats, sunscreen and plenty of drinking water. Also to wear light, long sleeved clothing. Seek shade where possible to carry out activity.	
	Wet/Cold			3	2	6	Advance written advice to bring waterproof clothing and strong footwear. Have wet weather plan option for extreme conditions.	
	Lightning/Thunder			4	1	4	Advise to lie down in open area if severe. Don't hold metal objects.	