



FARM VISITS



DESCRIPTION:

Any visit to a venue classified as a farm (vegetable or animal).

QUALIFICATIONS:

There are no specific qualifications required for visits to a farm but group leaders and other staff should be aware of safety issues connected with visiting a farm have obtained a copy of the risk assessment from the venue.

STAFFING RATIO:

The Bracknell Forest staffing ratios for day visits should be followed. This will vary depending on the age group of the participants. The ratios can be found in the Bracknell Forest Council Offsite and Adventurous Activities Guidance.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

There is no specific safety equipment but hand washing areas and hand sanitizing stations should be readily available.

HAZARDS:

E.coli 157
 Animal bites
 Cuts and grazes
 Slips and falls
 Pregnant females (these is a risk of abortion for pregnant females if entering lambing sheds from placenta bacteria)
 Farm equipment and machinery

GUIDANCE:

If anyone is sick or has diarrhoea following or within two weeks of visiting a farm their GP and the NHS should be contacted as soon as possible.

Children and young people must not be allowed to play on, near or with farm equipment and machinery.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Further information on taking children on farm visits is available on the Health and Safety Executive website at: www.hse.gov.uk

[Preventing or controlling ill health from animal contact at visitor attractions code of practice](#)

Further information on E.coli O157 is available on the Public Health England website at: www.hpa.org.uk