



Risk Assessment for Outreach visit 2022

Risk Calculation

Likelihood	Severity of Risk
0 Very Low	0 No Injury or illness
1 Very Unlikely	1 First Aid injury illness
2 Unlikely	2 Minor Injury illness
3 Likely	3 3-Day injury illness
4 Very Likely	4 Major injury illness
5 Almost Certain	5 Fatality/Disabling injury

Score Calculations

0 - 3	No Further Action
3 - 7	Appropriate Control Measures should be considered
8 - 10	Work Should Cease until Appropriate Measures are in place

Overview

A presentation of live crocodiles, alligators and other reptiles. Staff are experienced in handling and maintaining these animals. The animals are selected for their temperament in order that each session is safe for participants, handlers, and of course, the animals. Animals are accustomed to being handled, are appropriately sized for this purpose, and staff will be monitoring signs of stress in the animals at all times. Safety and hygiene is emphasized at all times to ensure a smooth event.

Nature of Activity/ Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating	Control Measures/Planned Action	Responsible person
Live Crocodiles and other reptiles used in a talk. Handlers being bitten/scratched	2 – scratch 1 - bite	1	1 / 3	Handlers are experienced in the Handling of these animals and work with them every day at the zoo. All animals being used are handled regularly and are all accustomed to human contact. Minor scratches from claws are expected with some animals.	Zoo Staff
Children or teachers holding any of the Crocodiles or other reptiles. People being bitten/scratched.	1	1	2	The Animals being used for the handling section of the visit are accustomed to the routine of handling. Handlers will give a full safety briefing and instruct/supervise each person wishing to hold an animal.	Zoo Staff/participant

Escape	0	2	2	The Animals will be held in secured containers whilst not being used in the presentation. Handlers will remove them from this container. Handlers will then put it back into the container when the event is finished. The containers will be supervised at all times. Should an animal escape, handlers are experienced in re-capture.	Zoo Staff
Stress to the animals	2	0	2	The Crocodiles and other reptiles being used are accustomed to the routine of handling, so stress is kept to a minimum. Should any animal become stressed, it will immediately be removed from the talk/handling session.	Zoo Staff
Hand hygiene	1	2	3	Handlers will give a full safety briefing to the whole group and then each person before any handling begins. This will include the importance of hand hygiene. Participants MUST clean /wash their hands after they have had contact with any animal. Hands must NOT touch face or mouth after handling an animal.	Zoo Staff/ supervising staff of Event
COVID-19 containment	2	4	6	Staff will not have any recognised symptoms; LF tests when appropriate; government guidelines are followed; face covering where appropriate; hand sanitiser in use. STAFF MUST ALSO BE CONFIDENT THEY ARE SAFE AT THE EVENT SITE TO PROCEED WITH THE EVENT. WE EXPECT CHILDREN & SCHOOL STAFF WITH SYMPTOMS ARE NOT AT THE EVENT.	Zoo Staff / supervising staff of Event