

Risk Assessment Guidance for Schools & Groups

This Document is intended to provide Risk Assessment Guidance & Information to schools and groups visiting Blair Drummond Safari Park. Please use this document to assist you in writing the Risk Assessment for your groups' visit.

This should be read in conjunction with the General Park Risk Assessment ARA-GEN-001, available on the park website.

This document is written for schools and groups of children, but can be referred to by any group visiting the park.

- Safari Park Rules**
- **Speed Limit: 15mph**
 - **Vehicles must follow the one-way system and park in suitable locations**
 - **Follow all instructions given by Blair Drummond Safari Park personnel**
 - **Always respect the animals**
 - **Animals should not be fed and you should never attempt to touch them**
 - **Do not distress animals by shouting, jumping around, tapping on glass, etc.**
 - **Do not drop litter**
 - **Do not climb on or over any barriers**
 - **Do not pick or damage any plants**
 - **Children and Groups must be supervised at all times**

Further Information

If you require any further information or documentation regarding Health & Safety on the park, please contact: safety@blairdrummond.com or contact our office on 01786 843109.

The following guidance documentation should be referred to in planning your visit:

- ❖ [A good practice guide for the health and safety of pupils on educational visits \(DfEE\)](#)
- ❖ [Preventing or controlling ill health from animal contact at visitor attractions](#)

Summary of Site Assessment ARA-GEN-001		
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Risk Assessment Guidelines for visiting Schools and Groups	
Main Activities or Areas Involved	School Responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Crossings ▪ Car Parks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Classes should be supervised at all times ❖ Children must not be allowed to run in any car park or across any roadways ❖ Class should be prevented from climbing on unattended vehicles ❖ For groups of small children, high-vis vests should be considered
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drive through Safari areas ▪ Drive through Lion enclosure ▪ Sea Lion show 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Children in vehicles must be warned not to open doors and windows (ideally doors should be child-locked) ❖ Children must not be allowed to reach over the glass partition at the sea-lion show ❖ Classes should be supervised at all times and prevented from touching the fences of animal enclosures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pets Farm ▪ Lemur-land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Classes should be supervised at all times ❖ Children should be quiet and calm when near animals ❖ Children must not feed the animals. ❖ Read warning signs ❖ Do not allow children to climb on barriers, or walls, or to put anything into an animal enclosure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All areas of the park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Blair Drummond Staff will direct people into the nearest building or vehicle ❖ Follow all instructions given by Blair Drummond Staff ❖ Classes must be kept together – a head count should be carried out ❖ Report any issues (e.g. missing child) to a member of staff ❖ Do not leave the safe area until given the all clear
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pets Farm ▪ Lemur-land ▪ Play areas (Notably the sand pit) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ After visiting the Pets Farm, Lemur-land, or the playground, everyone must wash hands at the facilities provided ❖ Children must be told not to eat or put their fingers into mouths etc. until hands are washed ❖ Do not let children kiss the animals, climb onto fences, touch tools or animal food, or make other unapproved contact ❖ Children should always be encouraged to wash hands prior to eating, regardless of what area of the park they are in

[6] Minor Injury & First Aid	12	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Play areas (Castle, climbing frame, swings, Astro Glide slide, etc.) ▪ Steps, stairs & other areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Contact a member of staff who will radio for a first aider ❖ Report any incident to Blair Drummond staff, even if one of your party is a first aider ❖ For wasp stings, ice cubes can be obtained from the restaurant
[7] Electrical Safety	12	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Restaurant ▪ Any external powered equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Classes should be supervised at all times
[8] Fire / Emergency Escape Routes	15	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sea Lion Show ▪ Restaurant ▪ Inside other park buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fire Information is always given out at the sea lion show – make sure you are aware of the procedures ❖ Fire escapes in buildings should be used in the event of the alarm being raised ❖ Do not allow children to touch or play with fire-fighting equipment
[9] Falls from Height	12	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Playground Castle / Climbing frame ▪ Flying Fox ▪ Steps & viewing platform areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Children must be supervised in the playground at all times ❖ Blair Drummond staff do not supervise users of playground equipment such as the castle, swings, or roundabouts
[10] Slips, Trips, & Falls	12	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Park walkways ▪ Grassy areas ▪ Steps & viewing platform areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Suitable footwear should be worn by all visitors to the park ❖ Do not allow children to run – particularly on wet grass, on stairways, or
[11] Open Water	15	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Passenger Boats to Chimp Island ▪ Splash Cat Pedal Boats ▪ Open Water banks (loch; river) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Children must be supervised at all times near open water ❖ If using boats, follow all safety directions given
[12] Adverse Weather	12	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Very Hot Days ▪ Very Cold Days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Appropriate clothing should always be brought
[13] Playground	12	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Castle ▪ Climbing Frames / Nets ▪ Swings ▪ Roundabouts ▪ Sand-pit; etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Children must be supervised in the playground at all times ❖ Blair Drummond staff do not supervise users of playground equipment such as the castle, swings, or roundabouts ❖ Report any issues of damaged or worn play equipment to a member of staff
[14] Non-Powered Amusements	12	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Astro Glide Slide ▪ Flying Fox ▪ Splash Cat Pedal Boats ▪ Bouncy Castle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Children must always be supervised when using amusement equipment ❖ Children must be warned to use the Astro-Glide carefully – stay on the mat, do not run over the bottom of the slides ❖ Follow all safety instructions given by the supervising member of staff
[15] Powered Amusements	15	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dodgems, Merry-go-round, mini-rollercoasters, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Children must always be supervised when using amusement equipment ❖ Follow all safety instructions given by the supervising member of staff
[16] Lost Children	15	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Playground ▪ Walking around other areas of the park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Children must be supervised at all times ❖ You should have an arranged meeting point ❖ If a child becomes lost, contact a member of staff for assistance ❖ Go to the Lost Child Collection point at the Face Painting booth