

Risk Assessment Guidance for Schools & Groups
<p>This Document is intended to provide Risk Assessment Guidance &amp; 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.</p> <p>This should be read in conjunction with the General Park Risk Assessment ARA-GEN-001, available on the park website.</p> <p>This document is written for schools and groups of children, but can be referred to by any group visiting the park.</p>

Safari Park Rules
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Speed Limit: 15mph</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Vehicles must follow the one-way system and park in suitable locations</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Follow all instructions given by Blair Drummond Safari Park personnel</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Always respect the animals</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Animals should not be fed and you should never attempt to touch them</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Do not distress animals by shouting, jumping around, tapping on glass, etc.</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Do not drop litter</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Do not climb on or over any barriers</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Do not pick or damage any plants</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Children and Groups must be supervised at all times</b></li> </ul>

Further Information
<p>If you require any further information or documentation regarding Health &amp; Safety on the park, please contact: <a href="mailto:safety@blairdrummond.com">safety@blairdrummond.com</a> or contact our office on 01786 843109.</p> <p>The following guidance documentation should be referred to in planning your visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">A good practice guide for the health and safety of pupils on educational visits (DfEE)</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Preventing or controlling ill health from animal contact at visitor attractions</a></li> </ul>

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

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