

RA031 — Biosecurity, zoonoses and infection control

Naylor's Ark Soul Sanctuary · Risk assessment

Sanctuary CPH: 46/327/7111

Veterinary practice: 608 Equine & Farm Veterinary Surgeons · 01926 640 385

Partner / group: All site users

Assessment date: 2026-08-10

Review date: 2027-08-10

Assessor: Liberty Naylor (Sanctuary Manager)

Activity assessed

Site-wide control of infection between animals, between holdings, and from animals to people.

Hazard	Who may be harmed	Control measures in place	Residual risk
Zoonotic infection (E. coli O157, cryptosporidium, salmonella, ringworm, orf)	All site users, especially under-5s, pregnant and immunosuppressed people	Hand-wash stations with hot water, soap and paper towels at every animal area; alcohol gel is not a substitute. Supervised hand washing after contact and before eating. Signage per HSE AIS23. Cuts covered with waterproof dressings.	Low
Disease introduction from other holdings or new arrivals	Animals	Visitor book records previous livestock contact; 48-hour rule applied. Boot dips and disinfectant at entry and exit. New arrivals isolated for 21 days with separate equipment before joining the herd or flock.	Medium
Notifiable disease suspicion (e.g. avian influenza, foot and mouth, TB)	Animals, public health	Immediate isolation, no animal movements, veterinary practice called and APHA notified without delay. Site closed to visitors pending advice. Movement records and CPH 46/327/7111 available for inspection.	Medium
Cross-contamination via equipment, clothing and footwear	Animals, people	Colour-coded equipment per area. Overalls and boots not taken off site. Equipment cleaned and disinfected with a DEFRA-approved product after use.	Low
Waste, sharps and contaminated material	Volunteers	Sharps placed straight into a sharps bin, removed by a licensed contractor. Medicine waste kept separate. Fallen stock collected by an approved collector and recorded.	Low
Animal-related injury (bite, kick, knock, trample)	Visitors, volunteers, staff	Only pre-selected, temperament-assessed animals used for contact. Supervised at all times, minimum 1 trained handler per 8 participants. No entry to enclosures without a handler. Animals unsuitable for contact segregated and signed.	Low
Zoonotic infection (E. coli O157, cryptosporidium, salmonella)	All participants, especially under-5s, pregnant and immunosuppressed people	Hand-wash stations with hot water, soap and paper towels at every animal area. Supervised hand washing after contact and before eating. No eating, drinking or hand-to-mouth in animal areas. Signage per PHE/HSE AIS23.	Low
Slips, trips and falls on uneven, wet or muddy ground	All participants	Route walked and checked before arrival. Sturdy footwear required. Wet or churned areas closed off. Spillages and hazards cleared before the group moves through.	Low
Vehicles and machinery on site	All participants	No tractor or machinery movement while groups are on site unless banksman-controlled. Pedestrian routes marked; parking segregated from animal areas.	Low
Fire or emergency evacuation	All participants	Fire evacuation procedure FEP-01 briefed on arrival. Assembly point identified. Head-count register kept by group leader. Emergency vet and 999 contact details displayed.	Low

Hazard	Who may be harmed	Control measures in place	Residual risk
Adverse weather (heat, cold, wind, storms)	All participants	Weather checked morning of visit. Shaded and sheltered areas available; drinking water provided. Visit postponed for high wind, storms or extreme heat.	Low

Additional arrangements

- Emergency arrangements: first aider on site during all visits; first aid kit at the yard office; nearest A&E University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire; site address and what3words displayed at the assembly point.
- Group leaders retain duty of care for their own members and must supply ratios, medical and consent information before the visit.
- All visitors complete the visitor waiver and assumption of risk before activities. Volunteers must have completed induction, the safety quiz and SSOW-01.
- This assessment is read alongside HSP-01 Health and Safety Policy, FEP-01 Fire Evacuation Procedure, RA015 General visit and feeding, and MAP-01 Site map.
- Review: annually, after any incident or near miss, or when the activity, animals, group or site changes.

Signed (assessor): _____

Date: _____

Group leader briefed (signature): _____