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RISK ASSESSMENT

Hazard or activity on the site	Risks associated with the hazards	Potential to cause harm	Controls already in place or actions required by visitors to the mobile farm
Running children	Slipping, tripping, falling	Low	Children must be adequately supervised and instructed not to run in the mobile farm area
Animals running amok	Knocking, falling, kicking, crushing	Low	All large animals to be adequately penned and/or tethered as appropriate. Animals with any known behavioral problems around the public or children will not be used. Children advised not to climb on hurdles. No unleashed dogs permitted in area. Animals to be transported to pens/cages in a controlled manner from the trailer(s). Any misbehaving animals to be removed to the animal trailer. Signs will warn people not to frighten or startle the animals.

Animals	Nipping or biting	Medium	All animals on the site should be properly controlled and supervised by experienced handlers when children present.
			Supervisors should ensure children wash their hands after handling any animal or the pens containing the animals.
			Warning signs should advise of this possibility.
			School groups to be warned not to put hands near animal's mouths or attempt to feed animals except under close supervision

Animals	Infection	Medium	Supervisors should be aware that there is always a risk from infection in any environment.
			No children should feed animals except under close supervision.
			Pregnant women should be warned not to have contact with pregnant sheep & goats or very young lambs/kids - only young lambs/kids with dried umbilical cords will be present.
			Parents/Guardians/Supervisors to confirm that cuts, grazes etc on any exposed skin are covered with a waterproof dressing/plaster prior to entering the mobile farm.
			Do not allow eating or drinking until hand cleaning and washing has been completed.
			Children should not feed the animals unless encouraged by their handlers.
			Supervisors should ensure children wash their hands after feeding any animal or touching the pens containing the animals. They should also warn children not to put hands, fingers of thumbs into their own mouths.
			Hand hygiene should consist of the use of a hand sanitizer when leaving the mobile farm area followed by washing using running water as soon as possible afterwards. Teachers, parents, or guardians to ensure children wash hands adequately after farm visits.
			Animal waste outside of the animal enclosures or on the enclosures themselves should be removed as soon as possible.
			Signs to alert public to wash hands after visiting animals
			Mobile sinks to be provided where no hand washing facilities are nearby.
			Signs to alert public to wash hands after touching animals.
			Signs to warn public not to touch animals with uncovered cuts or grazes.
			Children to remove gloves before handling animals.
			Children to be warned not to handle bedding or to attempt to feed it to the animals.
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Animal pens to be cleansed between visits and any visible contamination occurring.
during visits to be removed as soon as reasonably practical
The area where the animals have been to be cleaned after the animal's departure. (If the farm is on hard standing, we will clean and disinfect the area where the animals are but we would suggest that this area is also power washed if it is likely to be played on by small children soon after our visit)
(If the farm is on grass, we will clean the area where the animals are. Please be aware we will probably be unable to remove 100% of the possible contaminants and would suggest that children have minimal contact with this area until the area has been well watered either by rain or a hose pipe)
Teachers to check children's shoes for any obvious signs of contamination before their return into school.

Large animals	Crushing & kicking	High	All large animals are contained within pens.
			All animals on the site are properly controlled and supervised
Vehicle Movement	Crushing, Knocking	Low	Information on site and access agreed prior to visit.
			Any restrictions and speed limits obeyed.
			Event organizer/Teacher to meet on arrival and site vehicles and trailers
Hay & straw	Allergies	High	Adults to be aware and responsible for their own allergy.
			Parents/Guardians/Supervisors to ensure that children with relevant allergies related to animals, feed or bedding should take necessary precautions including not participating if necessary
Extreme weather	Sun stroke, cold or extremely wet	Low	Weather forecast checked prior to visit to check the area and school are all right to proceed.
			Gazebos/large parasols to be used to shade the animals from heat or provide shelter in downpours and to protect them from elements
Hurdles & pens	Falls	Low	Children advised not to climb on hurdles.
	Infection		Children advised not to put their mouths on the bars of the hurdles.
			Supervisors should ensure children wash their hands after touching the pens containing the animals.
			Hand hygiene should consist of the use of a hand sanitizer when leaving the mobile farm area followed by washing using running water as soon as possible afterwards.
			Animal pens to be cleansed between visits and any visible contamination occurring during visits to be removed as soon as reasonably practical