



We know that your risk assessment plays a key part in your planning and can take a long time to complete, so we have done one to help you with the process. All hazards are assessed in the likelihood of occurrence and the consequences if they were to occur. This allows us to identify the potential risk and score from 1 to 25. All hazards identified in our risk assessment carry a residual risk score of less than 5 meaning they are categorised as very low risk.

Hazard	Who might be harmed	How might people be harmed	Existing Control measures	Risk rating			Additional Controls	New risk rating			Action/monitored by whom
				L	C	R		L	C	R	
Exposure to weather.	Pupils & staff.	Cold injury, heat injury, over-exposure to sun.	Consider possible weather conditions and plan accordingly for clothing and equipment needs. Plan for pupils who may not bring suitable clothing. Daily weather forecast obtained, and plans adjusted accordingly. Pupils and teachers should dress for UK changeable weather. There is limited cover around the park, prepare for rain and wear sensible footwear due to undulation of the park and the need to brace on several rides.	3	3	9	Provide clearer information about suitable clothing and equipment to pupils and parents.	2	2	4	Teaching and support staff.
Lost or separated pupils from group,	Pupils, staff		Ensure supervising staff competent and understand their roles. Ratios pupils to staff in line with government guidelines and policies. Plan and use safe group control measures, buddy systems, larger	3	3	9	Provide clear information to pupils and leaders of	2	2	4	Teaching and support staff.

inadequate supervision.		Minor injury to death.	groups split into small groups each with named leaders. Briefing pupils/staff on what to do if separated from group. Head counts by leaders particularly at agreed arrival/departure points, and when separating and reforming groups. Pupils should contact a member of staff if they are lost or unsure about any location.				meeting points and time for departures.				
Illness or injury.	Pupils, staff.	Illness, injury	At least one leader with each group to be first aid trained. All leaders know how to call emergency services. Pupils and parents to be reminded to bring medication and how it should be kept secure. First aid and travel sickness equipment carried. Mobile means of raising alarm and/or contacting students next of kin. Emergency contacts with school head teacher and parents in place. <b>NB. First aid post is located at the front of Lost City Plaza. The nearest minor injury hospital is Kidderminster 3 miles away. Nearest Accident and emergency hospital is Worcester Royal 30miles away.</b>	3	3	6	Check validity of first aid certificates and are current. Medication brought by pupils. First aid post identified and located noting its limitations of treatments available. Site first aiders are First Aid at Work certificated.	2	2	4	Teaching and support staff.
Special needs of specific pupils –	Pupils.	Illness, minor	Obtain relevant information from parents. Make necessary arrangements for individual pupils including individual risk assessments and	1	3	3	Recommend obtaining parental	1	2	2	Teaching and support staff.

medical, behavioural, educational.		injury to death.	required additional staffing if necessary.				consent form for school trip.				
Water.	Pupils, staff	Injury to death.	Some attractions at WMSP expose children to water including Zambezi Water Splash which requires one adult to accompany one child. There are a few lakes including a lake at Lemur wood exhibit.	1	3	3	Plan supervision before visit if appropriate. Brief pupils on acceptable behaviour for safety.	1	2	2	West Midland Safari Park. Teaching and support staff.
Vehicle traffic within the park.	Pupils, staff	Injury to death	Discovery Trail and Theme Park closed to vehicular traffic whilst open to the public. There is a designated drop off/collection point for coaches. There is no requirement for children to cross any busy road although children will be required to cross internal park roads to access all attractions. Pedestrian walkways and zebra crossings are provided where possible.	1	4	4	Always supervise children/groups in and around car parking and internal road structures.	1	4	4	Teaching and support staff.
Slips, trips, and falls.	Pupils, staff	Minor injury to death	Pedestrian and car parking areas within the park are regularly checked and kept clear of trip hazards. Surfaces can become slippery when wet. Loose gravel areas can become slippery or eroded following heavy rainfall. Ground under foot can be uneven especially in the car park areas. There are steps at various locations across the park.	2	3	6	Leaders and support staff should note the presence of wet floors during bad weather. Care must be taken when boarding and disembarking rides.	1	3	3	West Midland Safari Park. Teaching and support staff.
			Supervision is required.								

High level areas.	Pupils, staff.	Minor injury to death.	Handrails are provided where necessary and fencing/signage installed to restrict access into areas where fall hazards may exist. Any ride evacuations at height will be supervised by designated, competent staff and if necessary appropriate fall arrest equipment for both themselves and visitors. Some rides are fitted with evacuation staircases and safety platforms at high points.	2	3	6	All pupils to note and obey all ride safety procedures.	1	3	3	Teaching and support staff.
Enclosed spaces.	Pupils, staff.	Discomfort and panic	Some of the rides can be quite small in area and to some individuals these may seem confined. No public areas in the park can be defined as a confined space.	1	2	2	Note ride features and select appropriate rides for individuals.	1	2	2	Teaching and support staff.
Reduced lighting.	Pupils, staff	Injury, trip, and fall.	Dr. Umbotos Ghost Train uses reduced lighting as part of the experience.	1	2	2	Note ride features and select appropriate rides for individuals.	1	2	2	Teaching and support staff.
Attraction specific risk.	Pupils, staff.	Minor injury to death.	West Midland Safari Park has open water and some steep edges and access routes. All rides and attractions have the relevant safety restrictions displayed at the entrance to queue line entrance points and must be always adhered to. Care should be taken in the carp parks and coach parking with regards to the movement of vehicles in the vicinity of pedestrians.	3	3	9	All safety restrictions must be always adhered to. Relevant group procedure should be applied in the car/coach park areas.	1	3	3	West Midland Safari Park, Teaching, and support staff
Door/gate entrapment.		Injury.		2	2	4	Teaching and support staff to be aware of	1	2	2	

	Pupils, staff.		Beware of closing doors/gates on fingers/ ride security equipment etc.				possible entrapment risks.				Teaching and support staff.
Rides.	Pupils, staff.	Minor injury to death.	All safety instructions must be obeyed. Rides undergo rigorous testing each day by competent engineers in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines. Riders to comply with all instructions whether written or verbal. Listen to all instruction while boarding and alighting the ride, riders should not board any ride unless specifically asked to do so.	3	3	9	Be aware and comply fully with health & Safety Executive Document (HSE) HSG175.	2	2	4	West Midland Safari Park, teaching, and support staff.
Play equipment.	Pupils.	Minor injury to death.	There is a children's play area which is not supervised. Impact attenuated safety surfacing is used around play equipment in the children's play park.	3	3	9	Select appropriate activities for the age group for individual pupils.	2	2	4	Teaching and support staff.

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