



Sharing the best in Gardening

GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT

RHS Form D1 (Revised) Issue No: 1 Dated: September 2011

(a) Title of Risk Assessment:	Minibeasts and Habitats KS1	(b) Location:	RHS Garden Rosemoor				
		(c) Written by:	J. Hickson	(e) Date:	September 2012		
		(d) Signature:	<i>John Hickson</i>	(f) Review Date:	August 2013		
(g) Safety Code/s and other documents relevant to this risk assessment:		(h) List all staff involved in activity:	(i) Other Groups at risk: (Put a cross in Yes or No)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education 001 – School visits Education 005 – Exploring the outdoors 		Education Officers – John Hickson – Sarah Chesters	Volunteers:	Yes:		No:	x
			The public:		x		
			Visitors:		x		
			Contractors:				x
			School Groups:		x		
			Students:				x
(j) Sign to confirm all staff listed above have read the relevant Safety Code/s:		<i>Sarah Chesters / John Hickson</i>					
(k) Hazards:	(l) Precautions:	(m) Risk Rating			(n) Precaution in place? (Yes or No)		
		L	M	H			
Education Officer to carry Radio at all times					YES		
Trip/falls/slipping in Woodland & Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Education 005 – 2.0 Slips trips and falls. Children must be adequately supervised by accompanying adults and instructed to walk in the woodland & garden. . s RHS Education Officer to highlight this in Housekeeping and H&S at the beginning of the visit 	x			YES		
Low branches - eyes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childfren told to take care when moving through woods - walk at all times. 	x			YES		
Lost children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear boundaries given at beginning of activity Adults to be in sight at all times Clear signal given for group to gather at end of session. 	x			YES		
Lifting and climbing on stones and logs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care to be taken of fingers and toes when lifting stones or logs. All should be returned as they found them. If children can't lift object on their own easily then instructed to leave it. Children should have their feet on the ground at all times - no climbing 		x		YES		

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Bees, wasps and insect stings g in Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Education 005 – 2.0 Insect bites and stings. School staff must be aware of any in their group who have specific insect allergies and know how to deal with such emergencies. RHS Education Officer to highlight this in Housekeeping and H&S at the beginning of the visit 		x		YES
Touching and handling plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Education 005 – 2.0 Hazardous plants. Accompanying staff must be aware of any children with specific plant allergies or hay fever, and carry the necessary medication. Pupils must be warned of prickly and stinging plants in woods and to avoid. Children must wash their hands before eating. Children must not pick plants, only adults can under the direction of the Education Officer. 	x			YES
Soil - Tetanus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Education 005 - 2.0 Risks from soil Children must be adequately supervised by accompanying adults. Provide hand washing facilities. Plastic gloves can be provided especially if child has cuts on his/her hands Any cuts to children's' hands to be covered by a plaster School asked to check that children have received tetanus immunisation. 			x	YES
Traffic - when using woodland carpark.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To warn students of cars in car park. To walk on road side in overflow car park. To be aware of vehicles in the woodland on tracks 		x		YES
Putting spoons in mouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education staff to state that spoons are used for collecting invertebrates and are not hygienic. This will have to restated to remind students. 	x			YES

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