# Risk assessment (working in barns and stables)

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| What are the hazards? | Who might be harmed and how? | What are you already doing to control the risks? | What further action do you need to take to control the risks? | Probability of risk (low, medium, high) | Severity of risk (low, medium, high) | Overall risk |
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| **Uneven ground, various levels and steps** | Volunteers, visitors. Slips, trips and falls resulting in bruising, cuts and broken bones. | Warnings and signage on steps and levels. Advising visitors of potential risks. Appropriate footwear advised to minimise slip risk. | Continue with current control measures | Medium | Low | Low |
| **Medications, cleaning fluids** | Volunteers, visitors. May accidentally ingest or spill onto skin/in eyes. | All potentially harmful items kept in a separate storage area. Medications kept in a locked cabinet. Only trustees and trained individuals allowed to access and administer medications. Data sheets on all products available. Only small and necessary amounts of chemicals kept in stock.  | Continue with current control measures | Low | Medium | Low |
| **Hay, straw and sawdust**  | Volunteers, visitors. May breathe in dust particles leading to respiratory issues. May cause or exacerbate skin conditions. Hay and straw bales may fall resulting in crush injuries. Hay and straw may catch alight. | PPE available for all volunteers to use. Volunteers made aware of the possible risks and advised to use masks and gloves when pulling straw and hay. Hay and straw kept in a separate barn, volunteers not to go inbetween bales. trustees to bring down bales and ensure they are on level ground to minimise risk of them falling. Visitors and volunteers warned to not climb on hay bales. Heat sources kept away from hay barn to minimise fire risk. Fire action plan in place. | Continue with current measures | Medium | High | medium |
| **Contact with urine and faeces** | Volunteers and visitors. Risk of spread of zoonotic diseases and illnesses. May slip on faeces and urine on floors.  | Volunteers appropriately trained, PPE available and encouraged. Cleaning equipment provided, muck heaps in use. Handwashing facilities available, all visitors and volunteers encouraged to wash hands regularly.  | Continue with current control measures | Medium | Medium | Medium |
| **Animals escaping enclosures** | Volunteers and visitors. Animals may escape and become stressed resulting in bites or other injuries | All enclosures, gates and locks regularly checked and repaired/replaced. Volunteers trained and reminded to shut all gates on entering and leaving. Visitors not to enter any enclosures unsupervised. Signs on gates. | Increase signage on enclosures.  | Medium | Low | Low |
| **Animal food and preparation equipment.** | Volunteers, visitors. Allergies to certain foods. Use of knives to prepare animal food may result in cuts/lacerations. | All volunteers trained on food preparation. Knives kept secure when not in use. All food to be kept in specified food bins and cabinets that are clearly labelled. Trustees keep batch numbers and ingredients of all food in case of adverse reactions. Volunteers advised not to ingest any of the animal feed and to wash hands following prep.  | Continue with current control measures | Low | Low | Low |
| **Heavy gates, locks and doors** | Volunteers, visitors. Some gates are heavy and locks may be difficult to manoeuvre which may result in strains and sprains, bruising, cuts, trapped fingers or crushing.  | Trustees to regularly check and repair/replace damaged parts. Advise volunteers and visitors of any problems with gates/locks if they cannot be easily repaired. | Signage on problem gates and doors | Low | Low | Low |