# Risk assessment (working with pigs)

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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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| **Pigs may escape enclosures and enter other areas in the barn and fields.** | Pigs, all other animals: May get into fights.  volunteers, visitors: Pigs may bite or push over people. | All enclosures are checked regularly by trustees to ensure they are secure and safe. Volunteers are reminded of the importance of keeping all doors and gates closed to reduce the risk of escapes. Visitors are not allowed to enter enclosures unsupervised. | Continue to check and repair/replace as needed. Volunteers to raise problems with the trustees immediately.  Ensure all new volunteers are fully trained and made aware of the risks. | Low | medium | low |
| **Pig may bite and cause serious harm.** | Volunteers and visitors. | Volunteers are shown to feed by scattering pig food onto the floor of their enclosures. Volunteers are told not to feed pigs directly from their hands.  Volunteers can feed without having to enter the enclosures. Only competent trained individuals to enter. Visitors to only enter with a trained individual.  Volunteers are made aware of the signs a pig shows if they are stressed or angry so they can be prepared to exit the enclosure if needed. Individuals aware of the pigs who have tusks as these present a bigger risk and to ensure they keep away from them. | Ensure training and advice is regular and up to date for all volunteers.  Care plans to be completed and all volunteers to read so they have full knowledge of each animal and their individual temperaments. | low | medium | low |
| **Large pigs may knock over individuals and cause crush injuries.** | Volunteers and visitors may be knocked over by our larger pigs. They may then proceed to lie down on the individual, potentially breaking bones. | As above, volunteers are trained to recognise behaviours, and only enter the enclosures if deemed competent and confident. | Continue with training and advice. Visitors not to enter enclosures unless with a trustee. | medium | medium | medium |
| **Zoonotic diseases** | Volunteers and visitors may contract a disease or illness. Animals may contract a disease or illness.  Potential diseases:  Erysipeloid, Salmonella, Streptococcal sepsis. | Cleaning schedules in place. All muck disposed of on designated muck piles. Equipment, handwashing facilities and gloves provided to help minimise risk of cross contamination.  Volunteers advised to keep up to date with vaccinations.  Any illnesses of animals reported and appropriate action taken to ensure minimal risk. | Continue with cleaning schedules. Invest in labelled individual equipment for each enclosure.  Increase deep cleaning schedule in case of outbreaks. | low | medium | low |