# Risk assessment (working outside)

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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** | Volunteers, visitors. Stony ground and hills, holes, ramps, mole hills may all create slips, trips or falls resulting in bruising, cuts and broken bones. | All individuals entering the site to be made aware of the need for appropriate footwear and clothing. Due to the open nature of the sanctuary, it is not possible to sign and place handrails near all uneven areas. | Continue to ensure all visitors and volunteers are aware of the problem areas. | Low | Medium | low |
| **Barbed and electric fencing** | Volunteers and visitors. May be shocked on electric fencing or cut themselves on barbed wire. | Signs on electric fencing warning of risks. | Ensure signs are visible | Low | Low | low |
| **Mud, ice and wet slippy ground** | Volunteers and visitors. May slip or fall on mud, ice or animal faeces in field. Mud may be deep enough for individuals to get stuck in. | All individuals entering the site to be made aware of the need for appropriate footwear and clothing. Any muddy areas noticed to be highlighted to all volunteers and alternative walkways to be used if possible. Poo picking and sweeping regularly in yard areas to reduce slip risks. Due to the open nature of the sanctuary, it is not possible to sign and place handrails near all risk areas. | Continue to monitor. | Medium | Low | low |
| **Adverse weather (wind, rain, snow, sun, storms)** | Volunteers, visitors. Adverse weather conditions may cause injury (in the case of wind and storms causing damage to trees or buildings making them unstable) rain causing ground to be slippy, snow and ice causing slip risks and concealing trip hazards. Sun causing dehydration, burns and heatstroke. | Volunteers and visitors to be made aware of appropriate clothing and footwear for both the nature of the work and the weather (layers in winter, sunhats, suncream in summer etc) Volunteers not to enter field in severe storms. | Continue to monitor and update volunteers in adverse weather situations. | Medium | Medium | Medium |
| **Farm traffic and machinery** | Volunteers and visitors. May be hit or crushed by vehicles or machinery. | Very little machinery in or around the sanctuary. Car parking area away from the barn, all vehicles to drive slowly around the sanctuary. Any works carried out involving machinery to be pre planned and approved and all volunteers given notice to ensure they are aware. | Continue with current control measures | Low | Medium | low |
| **Roaming animals** | Volunteers and visitors. Animals may ‘spook’ and run at individuals causing injuries such as cuts and bruising or a fall. | Gates on field and enclosures to be kept closed at all times. All fencing to be regularly checked by trustees and repaired/replaced as and when needed. Signs on gates to remind people to keep them closed. Any animals who may cause injury to other animals or humans to be kept in a safe, suitable enclosure. | Continue with current control measures | Low | Medium | Low |