

Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	8 th Chelmsford, Guide dog Visit	Date of risk assessment	16/05/2023	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Vicki Carcary
		Date of next review	16/05/2024		

What could go wrong? What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	What are you going to do about it? How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs?	Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Dog getting over excited when interacting with people. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young person knocked to the ground. • Young person scratched by the dog. • Young person bitten by dog. 	Young People, Leaders, Adult helpers	<p>The dog will always be in the care of a responsible adult and will never be allowed to roam freely.</p> <p>Young people will not be left unsupervised with the dog.</p> <p>Young people will be informed at the start of the meeting how to behave while the dogs are present at the meeting.</p>	
The dog causing allergies	Young people, Leaders, Adult helpers	<p>Parents and Leaders to be asked before the meeting if anyone has any known allergies.</p> <p>Young people and adults will have the opportunity to interact with the dog as they wish and those with allergies will be able to opt out of the interaction.</p> <p>Young people will be asked to wash their hands after active interaction with the dog.</p>	
Getting germs from the dog <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young person and adults may contract diseases that can be carried by dogs 	Young people, Leaders, Adult helpers	<p>Should the dog defecate in the hall, the trainer will pick up immediately and dispose of it in a safe way.</p> <p>The area will be disinfected as required.</p>	

Don't forget, as part of your programme planning, you should have contingency activities in reserve just in case you can't do what was planned or you need to stop half way through. Make sure this is shared with those involved, so everyone knows how to respond. You should have risk assessed contingency activities prior to them taking place and communicated key information to those involved as with all activities.

You can find more information in the [Safety checklist for leaders](#) and at scouts.org.uk/safety

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