



Risk Assessment

Key groups: Animals, General Public, Volunteers
Events: This assessment is applicable for all events involving animals
Date Completed: 20/05/2025
Summary: The use of Reptiles at events in the community, including at Schools, events etc.

Hazard/Risk	Who is at risk	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating	Control Measures	Date approved	Assessed by
Zoonotic Diseases	Staff, Volunteers, Public	1	6	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash hands with F10 Veterinary Disinfectant before and after handling a reptile Do not put anything in your mouth whilst handling or having handled reptiles Surfaces to be cleaned prior and after use with F10 wipes Animal waste to be clean ASAP with F10 disinfectant and wipes to avoid diseases being spread. 		BC
Injury for Reptiles	Staff, volunteers and Public	2	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal's nails to be trimmed prior to handling experience Any animal which is showing excessively aggressive behaviors towards the public shall not be used for the show/handling experience. Children to be always supervised by an adult and children under the age of 10 must not handle the animal on their own. Volunteer/Member of staff to follow bite procedures for the species and carry out First aid. Health check animal for signs of stress or injury and place in enclosure. 		BC
Animal Bites, scratches	Staff, Volunteers and Public	3	2	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We use non-venomous species of snakes i.e. constrictors, however, acknowledge anything with teeth can bite. Handling to be kept to a minimum and to be supervised by staff to avoid stress. Animals only to be used for a 15-minute period each time, we will have Vivarium's on hand where they can be placed when not in use. If the animal is getting visibly distressed, they shall be removed and placed in vivarium to allow recovery and won't be used for the event. Animal Bite procedure shall be followed 		BC



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Weather conditions	Animals	2	3	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reptiles shall be always kept under Gazebo during encounters to avoid overheating If the temperature is too cold for the animal, vivariums with heating shall be provided Reptiles shall be used for periods of 10-minute sessions and placed back into their enclosure. 		
Animal Escape	Staff, Volunteers, Public and animal	2	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure enclosures and equipment - Animals only removed in controlled area Escape procedures to be always followed by staff 		
Stress to animal	Animal	2	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animals to be used in 10-minute intervals only If animal is showing signs of stress, they will be removed and placed in their enclosure 		



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Environmental Impact i.e. Noise	Animals	3	6	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If children are too loud, this is likely to cause stress to the animals. Children and parents shall be briefed to keep noise minimal. If noise is too loud, reptiles shall be removed and placed back in their enclosures to allow rest.
Inappropriate behavior	General Public, Animals, staff and volunteer	2	5	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public shall be briefed on appropriate behaviors prior to animal interaction. Signs shall be posted around the Gazebo/hall to ensure rules are communicated and are clear. If there is inappropriate behaviors by the public, the animals shall be removed, placed back into their enclosures and the session shall be halted.

Print Name			
Signed		Date	

Risk Rate Scale

1	1-3 Low Impact
2	4-7 Medium Impact
3	7-10 High Impact