

Carmarthenshire Meadows Group: Generalised Risk Assessment for Site Visits

Not all sites will have all the listed hazards, and some will have hazards not listed. Consider all the possible hazards visitors could encounter, and ensure you have made them aware of how to avoid serious risks. The last 4 points will help anyone who has to deal with an emergency and contact emergency services.

Hazard	Measures Taken
Falls caused by slipping or tripping.	Advise wearing of suitable footwear. Advise taking extra care on slippery or steep surfaces, when crossing slippery stiles or steps, walking on uneven ground, by exposed tree roots, or by animal burrows, sinkholes or wells.
Livestock	Advise visitors to stay away from livestock that might become aggressive or cause crush injury if they panic (large animals e.g. cattle and horses), and to wash hands to avoid infection after contacting livestock. Advise visitors to keep clear of livestock that could react defensively (e.g. honeybee colonies), and to ensure that no normally closed gates are left open.
Fencing	Advise visitors to be aware of barbed wire fencing, and of the shock risk from electric fencing. Ensure any electric fencing has a hazard notice hanging from it.
Machinery	Advise visitors to keep clear of machinery even when not in use to avoid risk of cuts and crush injuries. Advise visitors to keep well away from any machinery in use.
Deep water	Advise visitors of any deep water (rivers, ponds) and the risk of drowning.
Any other site-specific hazard	
Nearest place with good mobile phone signal	In an emergency it may be necessary to call for help, and some sites have no phone signal, so where is the nearest phone signal?
Location of nearest defibrillator	Can be found using this map: https://www.defibfinder.uk
Location OS Grid Ref	Free apps are available to find your current grid reference without needing phone signal, e.g. Gridpoint GB
Location what-3-words	Free apps are available to find your current what-3-words location for i-phone or android, just search for “what 3 words” in the app store (i-phone) or play store (Android).

I have informed visitors to the site of any hazards and made them aware of the emergency information listed above.

Signed.....

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