



Risk Assessment

Location:

Date:

Task /Premises

1 Potential risk Scratch /Bite	Steps taken.	Risk LOW
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Safety talk and handling guide lines given before the birds are brought out to the participants

2 Potential risk. Scratch /Bite Risk of illness	Steps taken.	Risk LOW
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All who come into contact with birds are instructed to use sanitiser provided. Handling of a bird of prey can only be done by wearing a leather glove provided by us

3 Potential risk.	Steps taken.	Risk MEDIUM
Risk of damage to clothing / carpet from faeces and or urine		

Handler to keep supply of clean up tissues and disinfectant . Birds are not to be placed above participants.

Organisers are made aware prior to the visit the need for non carpeted area or floor covering is used due to birds faeces damaging and staining carpets.

4. Potential risk. Allergies to dust or feathers	Steps taken.	Risk LOW
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Parents of children and participants to be made aware any one who is allergic to be identified and avoided prior to a session commencing.

5. Potential risk Steps taken. Risk MEDIUM

Bio hazards and general hazards to birds

Issues such as bird flu (avian influenza) can be serious if anyone has been near to chickens or ducks. They can not be near or handle the birds of prey. If DEFRA issues a red warning for bird flu then the visit will be cancelled and rearranged at a later date.
Air fresheners will be asked to be removed from the area as these can cause serious harm to the birds.

6.Potential risk Steps taken. Risk LOW

Damage to property from birds of prey

Potential risk of damage from birds landing on pictures, curtains etc. The room is assessed by the handler and if deemed unsuitable for flying. The bird will be attached to a creance line or not fly the bird at all

7. Potential risk. Steps taken. Risk MEDIUM

Birds welfare
Bite/ Scratch

Birds of prey only handled with a protective glove. No one is allowed to stroke the birds. Birds are removed if they appear to be distressed or anxious which could result in a bite or a scratch. Loud noises and visual fright to be kept at a minimum and the handler to withdraw the birds and place them in a safe and quiet place (in a travel box or hooded) or leave the location.

