

Area: DISCOVER - Reptiles
(Bedbug foundation /
Kimmy's Zoo)
Year: 2026

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Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed	Is the Risk Adequately Controlled, or is More Needed	Review and Revision
Vehicle & person collision on entry to display area	Young people & adults	Vehicle to travel around on perimeter track to closest point of access to Display area	
		Upon arrival, member of site team to escort vehicle (and trailer) to display area wearing high-vis	
		Vehicle to have sidelights on whilst travelling to display area	
		Site team to clear pathway to display area	
<i>Handling live animals - Bites, scratches, animal secretions</i>	<i>Young people, adults & handlers</i>	<i>Animals are used to meeting the public and an individual risk assessment is available for each animal. Event organiser accepts responsibility for ensuring all participants and parent/ guardians of any person under the age of 18 has access to this and understand the risks.</i>	
		<i>Verbal instructions given for each individual animal on how to interact with animals and any risks associated by animal handler.</i>	
		<i>Antibacterial hand gel provided for venues with no hand washing facilities. Signage and verbal instructions to wash hands with hot running water and soap before eating</i>	
		<i>Most Scouts volunteers will have First Aid training (First Response) First Aid team on site for more serious</i>	
		<i>Handler will verbally prompt hand washing before and during and after the event when required.</i>	
		<i>Verbal warning for persons not to put hands near eyes or mouth at beginning of session</i>	
		<i>Animals are checked regularly for parasites and signs of illness/ disease.</i>	
		<i>Animal waste properly disposed of. Persons who are immuno-compromised, pregnant, elderly or under 2's are advised not to participate</i>	
		<i>Young people will be accompanied by adults and activity will be supervised by a Scouts volunteer</i>	
		<i>Handling live animals - Allergies / Phobias</i>	<i>Young people & adults</i>
<i>Event planners may change animals requested to accommodate event for all persons attending.</i>			
<i>Animal handler will make verbal warning at the beginning of the event and will ask each individual if they would like to move away from the animal or leave the room if they are uncomfortable. However animal handler will try all possible ways to encourage these person/s to be involved.</i>			
<i>Use of chemicals - Reaction / side effect of chemicals used by Kimmy's Zoo team</i>	<i>Young people & adults</i>	<i>Disinfectant spray is used to clean animal waste.</i>	
		<i>Antibacterial hand gel/ rub. Instructions indicate it is safe to use on all children under adult supervision.</i>	
		<i>Contains bitter taste to prevent putting hands in mouth after application.</i>	
<i>Use of equipment - Falling over / tripping / leaning on animal cages / fences / tables / gazebos / tablecloths</i>	<i>Young people & adults</i>	<i>Event holder is responsible for ensuring children have no food allergies (Specifically shellfish/ nuts) prior to the event.</i>	
		<i>Event planner responsible for supervising children and controlling children who are behaving dangerously to avoid collisions with other children or furniture.</i>	
		<i>Staff are also responsible for helping to manage behaviour and safety during games</i>	
<i>Animal welfare - Stress on the animals / over handling / poor handling / loud noises / weather</i>	<i>Animals</i>	<i>Each animal comes out for a specified time period of no more than 10 minutes per hour.</i>	
		<i>Staff are trained on how to instruct the public on how to stroke/ hold animals</i>	
		<i>During busy periods animals are touch only</i>	
		<i>There are age limits for specific species to prevent injury to the animal and the public</i>	
		<i>Must not be near loud music, busy walkways or food</i>	
		<i>Must have a power source for heat mats if needed and will only be outside should the temperature be between 18-25 degrees with no wind or heavy rain</i>	
See seperate sheet for specific animal risks			