



Water fight Risk Assessment

Address: New Leaf Triangle, Site 1 and 2

ASSESSOR/JOB TITLE: Director

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REVIEW DATE August 2024

Reviewed 23/6/22 Emily Field site 2 coordinator. Changes agreed in staff meeting 22/6/22

Reviewed 21/08/23 Laura Jackson site one student coordinator. Review due August 2025d

KEY RISK MATRIX

Risk = Probability (Frequency) x Consequence (Severity)

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	Severe (3)	Moderate (2)	Minor (1)
Frequent (3)	9	6	3
Occasional (2)	6	4	2
Rare (1)	3	2	1

ALL ASSESSMENTS WILL FOLLOW THIS MATRIX USING THE TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM

Context

New Leaf Triangle is an outdoor learning centre for individuals with a range of disabilities, autism and mental health conditions. The main activities at New Leaf Triangle take place at the 2 main sites situated on Goadby Road, Chadwell, Melton Mowbray, LE14 4LP (site 1) and Eastwell Road Site 2). The sites are 2 and a half acres and 5 and a half acres of undulating ridge and furrow grassland with a 20 X 40m sand, fibre and rubber menage at site one and 20 X 40m sand and rubber ménage at site two.

Site 1 Buildings:

9M x 8M steel barn, with steel anti condensation roof, containing 4 internal stables with a 3M wide roller shutter door. Stable partitions are steel framed with wooden panelling and steel grills. The barn is lined with 1.2cm ply board to 2.5M height. Means of escape – 3M wide roller shutter door

Two 3.6M x 3.6 M wooden stables adjoined. Means of escape - standard stable doors in each

3M x 3M wooden tool/feed shed. Means of escape – standard full wooden door.

5M X 3M log cabin, consisting of a single room. Means of escape – 2 French style doors opening outwards 1.5M

6M X 3M log cabin consisting of a single room. Means of escape – 2 French style doors opening outwards 1.5M

Goat pen with 2 small goats sheds

3 small wooden chicken coops - located in the top paddock near small cabins.

1 larger wooden goose house, located next to the chicken coops.

There is a designated fenced off air rifle shooting area undercover shelter.

There is a garden plot, containing large wooden planters near the shooting shelter.

Two 2.5M x 3.5M log cabins in the small paddock next to the air rifle shooting area. Means of escape – 2 French style doors opening outwards 1.2M

1M x 2M metal tool shed located near the muck heap in the car park.

5M x 5M large wooden hay store located in the car park beside the muck heap. No doors, means of escape through the front opening.

Site 2 Buildings:

36 X 34ft wooden American style barn with 6 stables

5M X 5M log cabin consisting of a single room. Means of escape – 2 French style doors opening outwards 1.5M

Two 3.6M x 3.6 M wooden stables adjoined. Means of escape - standard stable doors in each. Used as feed shed and workshop.

2.5M X 2M Tool shed

2.5M X 2M Toilet shed

Approx 2.5m² field shelter next to toilet shed

3 wooden shelters housing hay and menage equipment in car park / yard area

The perimeter fencing is mainly hawthorn and blackthorn hedge, square stock wire with some rails in places. Access is via a drive (approximately 80m long) which leads into the main car park and yard area. The surfaced (sand, fibre, rubber) Horseback Archery track runs down the middle of the two turnout fields and is lined with posts and electric tape. There is a small surfaced paddock home to two ponies at the end of it nearest the yard. Most fencing is post electric tape but is post and rail in places. Access to the, the right hand (larger) turnout field and the surfaced paddock for ponies is via a small metal gate to the site of the field shelter. Access to the left hand field is through two metal 5 bar gates directly from the car park / yard.

ACTION PLAN

FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED	BY WHOM	TARGET DATE	COMPLETED

NUMBER	HAZARD/POSSIBLE OUTCOME	GROUPS	RISK RATING	CONTROLS
(HS) 1	Slips, trips and falls	Students, staff, visitors	Yellow 3 (Reduced to green 2 with controls)	<p>The following rules should be clearly set out to all staff and students at the start of the water fight;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only water pistols to be used (not hoses/buckets). - Water fights to be held in a designated safe area (such as an empty onsite paddock). Water fights not to take place across the whole site or in indoor spaces or in the play paddock. Water fights should take place in the top large horse field behind the green barn. Any horses living there should be placed in a stable. other field or menage (if too warm to be in the barn). Large white topspec water tubs should be taken into the field as water buckets and when this water is finished, the water fight is over. - Slip and trip hazards to be removed from the area before starting. - Any water spillages on concrete/wood to be cleaned up immediately and a wet floor sign put up.

HS2	Frightened animals (could lead to kicks, bites, poor welfare)	Animals, students, staff, visitors	Yellow 3	Under no circumstances should an animal be squirted with water. If a student is determined to do this, then the water fight must cease. Animal welfare is the top priority. Horses living in the paddock should be removed from the paddock before the water fight starts.
HS3	Invading the personal space and wishes of others	Staff, students, visitors	Green 2	<p>At the start of the water fight all staff and students should give verbal consent to participate in the water fight. Students are encouraged to respect others' personal choices. It should be explained to all students that in a water fight you will get wet. If students are not ok with this then an alternative water activity should be used, for example aiming water pistols at a chalk target.</p> <p>Students should be of a similar age so that younger students do not feel intimidated by older students. Students should have no more than 3-4 years difference in age. It should be dynamically risk assessed that all students involved are compatible and if there is any doubt students may not follow instructions and respect the wishes of others the water fight should not take place.</p>

I have read and understand the New leaf Triangle Risk Assessment above and agree to follow its guidelines:		
Staff name	Signature	Date

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