



Surrey Amphibian and Reptile Group

Risk Assessment for SARG Wildlife Events

Risk Assessment for Animal Wellbeing

Hazard	Probability	Impact	Risk	Mitigation
1. Animals overheating	Moderate	High	High	Use of the SARG gazebo for shade. Water bowls in all vivaria. Water spray on hand for very hot conditions.

Risk Assessment for Animal Handling

Hazard	Probability	Impact	Risk	Mitigation
1. Adders (envenomation)	Low	High	High	Adders will be locked into their vivarium and not brought out during the show. SARG procedures for the handling and transportation of adders to be applied without exception. SARG advice for adder envenomation to be provided to any on-site medics. Mobile phone is to be available for 999 calls.
2. People being frightened of the animals.	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	The handler will introduce animals slowly in clear sight of the public. An escape route for nervous persons will be available at all times.
3. People picking up germs from handling the animals.	Low	High	Low	The public will be told to wash their hands after the event. Disinfectant hand wash will be available on the stall.
4. People getting bitten or scratched by the animals.	Low	Low	Low	Experienced handlers will supervise people handling animals and ensure they handle the animals correctly so as not to aggravate nor injure them.
5. The animals escaping.	Low	Low	Low	The handler will supervise the activity at all times. Only one animal will be on show at a time.
6. Injury or aggravation of the animals.	Moderate	High	Moderate	The handler will ensure the animals are handled correctly and that temperatures and conditions are suitable. Only one animal will be handled at any one time.

Risk Assessment for Meteorological Conditions

Hazard	Probability	Impact	Risk	Mitigation
1. Sun burn	High	Moderate	Moderate	Ensure sufficient UV-blocking lotion is applied to all exposed skin areas.
2. Strong winds	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Ensure all vulnerable items are appropriately secured.
3. Heavy rain	Moderate	Low	Low	Use of the SARG gazebo for protection.

Risk Assessment for Event Environment

Hazard	Probability	Impact	Risk	Mitigation
1. Trip hazards	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Identify any trip hazards and inform the event organiser.
2. Vehicle movements	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Identify vehicle movement corridors and exercise caution when using.
3. Disposal of waste	High	Moderate	Moderate	Bring a waste container to minimise fire and health issues.
4. Manual handling	High	Moderate	Moderate	Participants should be informed of the dangers of manual handling and instructed to assess the load before handling. Wear appropriate PPE including protective gloves, trousers and sturdy footwear to protect hands, legs and feet. Minimise repetitive bending wherever possible.
5. Aggressive people	Low	High	High	Participants should always work in teams and should not work alone at any time during the activity. Use of tact and diplomacy at all times, showing respect for the individual. If anybody feels physically threatened, the police should be called via a 999 call, or by attracting the attention of local law enforcement officers.