



Reptiles : Risk Assessment

Beresford Road Activity Centre

Risk Rating Key

Very High / High / Medium / Low

Activity	Hazard	Risk Assessment (use Matrix)	Control Measure	Who	When
Reptile Show / Incursion	Children becoming frightened, anxious or distressed by reptiles	Low	- Families are notified of the incursion prior to the Vacation Care program. - Children are informed about the incursion and what to expect. - Children are given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss any concerns. - Children are not forced to participate in animal handling. - An alternative activity will be provided for children who do not wish to participate or become distressed.	Responsible Person All Educators	Prior to incursion During incursion
	Child is bitten, scratched or injured by a reptile	Medium	- Walkabout Reptiles staff are responsible for the safe handling and management of reptiles. - Children receive clear instructions before being permitted to touch or interact with animals. - Children only touch animals when instructed and under direct supervision. - Children are not permitted to approach, pick up or handle animals independently. - Educators maintain active supervision of children throughout the incursion. - Children displaying unsafe behaviour are removed from the animal-handling activity. - First aid trained staff are present and available throughout the activity.	Reptile Rangers All Educators Responsible Person	Before and during incursion
	Reptile escapes from its enclosure	Low	- Reptiles remain under the control of Walkabout Reptiles staff. - Children are instructed not to approach an escaped animal. - Educators immediately move children away from the area if an animal escapes. - Educators follow instructions provided by Walkabout Reptiles staff.	Reptile Rangers All Educators Responsible Person	Prior to and during incursion

Activity	Hazard	Risk Assessment (use Matrix)	Control Measure	Who	When
			• The Responsible Person will determine whether the activity should be stopped until the situation is safely resolved. • Children will be accounted for following any incident or disruption.		
	Spread of germs from contact with animals	Low	• Children wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water after touching animals. • Educators supervise and reinforce hand-washing. • Children do not eat or drink while handling animals. • Children with open wounds or broken skin on their hands are not permitted to handle animals unless appropriately managed. • Educators model appropriate hygiene practices. • Children are instructed not to touch their face or mouth while handling animals. • Children wash their hands immediately following contact with animals. • Educators actively supervise children during handling activities. • Food and drinks are kept away from the animal-handling area.	Reptile Rangers All Educators Responsible Person	Before and after handling animals
	Unsafe child behaviour – running, yelling, crowding or inappropriate interaction with animals	Medium	• Expectations and safety rules are explained to children before the show begins. • Children remain in the designated viewing area. • Educators are positioned throughout the group to maintain effective supervision. • Children are reminded to remain calm and quiet around the animals. • Children are not permitted to crowd around the presenter or animals. • Children who cannot follow safety directions are removed from the activity and supervised elsewhere. • Educators follow the provider's instructions regarding safe interaction with the animals.	All Educators Children	Before and during incursion
	Inadequate supervision of children	Medium	• ACI educator-to-child ratios are maintained at all times. • Educators remain responsible for supervising ACI children throughout the incursion. • Active supervision is maintained using positioning, scanning and engagement. • Educators are not distracted by the presentation or provider. • Children remain within the designated activity area unless accompanied by an educator.	All Educators Responsible Person	At all times

Activity	Hazard	Risk Assessment (use Matrix)	Control Measure	Who	When
Reptile Show / Incursion	Child protection concerns / inappropriate interaction with visiting provider	Medium	• ACI supervision responsibilities remain with ACI educators throughout the activity. • Children are not left alone with Walkabout Reptiles staff. • PAT supervision practices are followed. • Walkabout Reptiles staff are required to comply with ACI visitor requirements. • WWCC requirements are verified prior to the incursion where applicable. • Provider staff sign in and out in accordance with ACI procedures. • Any concerns regarding provider conduct are immediately reported to the Responsible Person/Management.	Management / Responsible Person All Educators Reptile Rangers	Prior to and during incursion
Incursion setup	Trips, slips or falls from equipment, animal containers or cables	Low	• The presentation area is inspected before children enter. • Equipment and animal containers are positioned safely and away from walkways. • Emergency exits and accessways remain clear. • Children are kept away from equipment that is not part of the activity. • Any hazards identified are rectified immediately.	Reptile Rangers All Educators Responsible Person	Prior to and during incursion
Emergency situation	Emergency evacuation or incident occurs during the reptile show	Low	• ACI emergency and evacuation procedures remain in place. • Educators remain responsible for children during an emergency. • The Responsible Person directs the evacuation or emergency response. • Walkabout Reptiles staff follow directions from ACI staff during an emergency. • Children are accounted for at the designated assembly area. • Animals are only secured by the provider where it is safe to do so; staff do not compromise child safety to secure animals.	Reptile Rangers All Educators Responsible Person	At all times
Completed by: Tara Sheather			Approved By: Margaret Saldanha		
Signature:			Signature:		
Date: Aug- 2026			Date: Aug - 2026		

	IMPACT					
Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe
	Almost Certain	Medium	High	High	Very High	Very High
	Likely	Medium	Medium	High	High	Very High
	Possible	Low	Medium	High	High	Very High
	Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High
	Rare	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium
Likelihood			Impact			
Almost Certain	Is expected to occur in most circumstances		Insignificant	Injuries not requiring first aid		
Likely	Will probably occur in most circumstances		Minor	First aid required		
Possible	Could Occur at some time		Moderate	Medical treatment required		
Unlikely	Not likely to occur in normal circumstances		Major	Hospital admission required		
Rare	May occur only in exceptional circumstances		Severe	Death or permanent disability to one or more persons.		

Risk Assessment Communication Record - Reptiles									
---	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

[illegible]