

Blue Planet Aquarium Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment for Exhibition Areas & Classroom

Blue Planet Aquarium endeavour to provide the safest possible environment during your visit.

Children remain the responsibility of accompanying teachers, parents or group leaders and should be supervised at all times.

Prior to your visit please make group members aware of the following:

General Exhibition Area

Visitors are advised:

- No running
- To refrain from consumption of food items.
- To refrain from smoking in all areas of the aquarium (Fire alarms are fitted throughout the aquarium).
- To refrain from putting body parts including fingers into any of the exhibits.
- Caution around wet floor signage and any wet floors.
- To be aware of stairs, ramps and rased areas in the aquarium.
- To be aware of any areas with reduced lighting.
- Caution around closing doors.
- To avoid clearly identified unauthorised areas.
- Caution of low hazards, for example. handrails.

Shark Tunnel

Visitors are advised:

- Caution when utilising the moving walkway.
- To follow the direction of the moving walkway.
- Pushchairs and wheelchairs should be designated to the carpet area whenever possible.
- No running.
- Utilise the walkay appropriately, for example, no sitting or lying on the moving walkway.
- Caution of body parts when utilising the walkway, including the edges of the walkway.
- To refrain from the consumption of food items.

Classrooms

Visitors are advised:

- To be aware of any living specimens in the room.
- To refrain from the consumption of food items.
- Caution around classroom equipment and resources, including any trip hazards.
- Seek advice from the presenter in case of an emergency.
- Locate the Fire Exits in the room.
- Caution during classroom activities.
- Listen and follow instructions given by the Presenter / Teacher.
- Visitors are advised to wash hands after an Animal Encounter.

Fire

In the event of a fire:

- A loud alarm will sound.
- All fire escapes are clearly marked, and Blue Planet Aquarium staff will guide you out of the nearest fire exit.
- Visitors are advised not to return to vehicles in the car park, but gather at the Fire Assembly Point located under the white canopy at the front of the building.
- All members of groups should be accounted for, and any missing parties reported to the Blue Planet Aquarium's assigned Fire Marshall.

First Aid

- Blue Planet Aquarium assigns three First Aiders every day.
- A designated First Aid Room is located in the foyer.
- If a First Aider is required, please report to the nearest member of staff or a member of team located at reception.
- A responsible person is required to accompany the individual to the First Aid Room. Responsible persons include teachers, parents or group leaders.
- An accident form must be completed.

Playground

- Play area surfaces may be slippery when wet.
- The equipment is designed for all children up to the age of 14 years.
- Children should be supervised by a teacher, parent or group leader at all times.
- If first aid is required please contact the Blue Planet Aquarium team (either on gift shop or main reception).
- Report any issues or faulty equipment to a member of the Blue Planet Aquarium team.
- Blue Planet Aquarium is not responsible for any injury sustained whilst using this equipment.

COVID 19

- Blue Planet Aquarium will direct teachers to the washrooms on arrival so pupils can clean their hands.
- We will recommend hands to be washed before lunch after classroom sessions.
- Tissues are located in classrooms under the policy of "catch it bin it kill it"
- Hand sanitizers and running water are located in the classroom.
- Bins with lids in the classroom are operated with the feet to minimize contact.
- Interactive activity such as bath-scopes, photo boards, puzzles have been removed from the flooring.
- Aquarium window exhibits are cleaned with disinfectant.

This list is not exhaustive and Blue Planet Aquarium does not accept liability for any omissions. If you find any hazards that should be addressed, please don't hesitate to contact the nearest member of staff.