

Risk Assessment Template for Lydford Farm

Lydford Farm Holiday Caravans is a public holiday base with three static caravans, that is used by members of the public as a base for holidays. The holiday caravans are accessed via the A399 road between Combe Martin and Ilfracombe. The site is close to the Bristol Channel, with many adventure activities available within walking distance, for example water sports such as kayaking and yachting, walking and rock climbing.

The location of the site in close to the water, mean that an element of risk for all visitors is unavoidable. However Lydford Farm Holiday Caravan owners seek to reduce the risk by providing their own site specific risk assessment that can encourage members of the public to reduce these risks. We provide the template below only as a guide, and expect that each group will assess their own risks.

<i>Hazards:</i>	<i>Control measures required</i>	<i>Explanatory Notes on Hazard</i>
<i>General</i>		
<i>Injury from traffic accident on access road off A399</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the farm using the Watermouth Castle entrance if approaching from the Combe Martin direction. 	The farm site can be accessed by two entrances – either using the Watermouth Castle entrance or the Little Meadow Campsite
<i>Hypothermia particularly that induced by sudden cold wet weather</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check weather forecasts in advance of all activities • Ensure all campers have appropriate clothing and other equipment, including weather proof tents 	In coastal locations weather can change suddenly Northerly winds are particularly hypothermic and dangerous Please ask at the shop for weather forecast. These can change hourly.

<i>General Hazards contd:</i>	<i>Control measures required</i>	<i>Explanatory Notes on Hazard</i>
<i>Injury resulting from wind</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check weather forecasts daily during stay • When extreme weather is forecast take care when opening and shutting the caravan doors and windows. 	In windy weather the farm can experience high gale force winds

<i>Infection from contact with wild animals</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careful hygiene is required to ensure that hands are clean, and that unnoticed contact with wild animal excrement does not lead to infection. 	Rabbits, foxes, stoats, badgers are all known to frequent the area, and North Devon District advises that infection can result where campers are not careful with hygiene. Farm animals including sheep, cattle and dogs do occasionally range over the campsite and can also be sources of infection
<i>Using the cooking equipment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be aware of the gas hobs and ovens and take care when using these. Note the site of fire extinguisher and fire blanket in the caravan. Be aware of the fire exits in the caravan. 	Smoke alarms and Carbon Dioxide alarms are in place and tested weekly to be in working order. DO NOT remove the batteries from these.

<i>Falling injuries in dark</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all group members have personal lights for use at night 	There is minimal lighting on the farm. Rough ground and steps are therefore a hazard at night.
<i>Cuts from equipment, machinery</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief on avoiding touching machinery, including farm and roading machinery, 	Occasionally farm equipment and maintenance machinery may be on the campsite including tractors, JCB, dumper and mowers. On no account should children be allowed to play on such machinery
<i>Cuts from barbed wire</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief on avoidance Check tree plantations near setting up area 	Most barbed wire has been collected and replaced with plain wire but some may still be present in certain areas.
<i>Open Water Pond</i>	There is a deep water pond on the farm and we ask you to supervise your children if they go near it.	The pond is in the private area of the farm and there is no fencing around this.

<i>On site activities</i>		
<i>Hazards:</i>	<i>Control measures</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<i>Injury from tree climbing and play area</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All tree climbing and play equipment must only be used with supervision from an adult. • Clear briefing to all children by their parents/guardians that unsupervised activities are not allowed. • First aid 	There are a couple of climbing trees and a small wooded play area for use by our campers.

<i>Emergency Procedures</i>		
<i>First aid</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A first aid kit is kept at Reception at Little Meadow campsite and at Lydford Farm farmhouse up the track. 	The reception building is not always open, i.e. it is not always staffed.

<i>Emergency Services</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The farm has no mobile phone coverage • The nearest landline is a public telephone is sited outside the Reception building on the campsite • The Farm can be contacted via phone on 01271 862222. If they are not at the campsite they are physically located at Lydford Farm farmhouse, a few hundred metres from the campsite, up the farm track. • Important numbers are as follows: Doctor: Waterside Practice Ilfracombe Phone: 01271 863840 	<p>The public phone is available at all times as it is sited outside of the building.</p> <p>Where emergency helicopters are called, the top camp field would be the most suitable landing point.</p>
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	<i>Hospital (24 hour A&E service)</i> <i>North Devon District</i> <i>(approx 12 miles, or 20 minutes by car)</i> Phone: 01271 322577	
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Please note that this risk assessment template is an aid only, and is certainly not provided as a full risk assessment for the Lydford Farm. You must identify other risks which are associated with your own planned activities and the age groups for example that you cater for. Lydford Farm owners will not be held responsible for any injury that results from the lack of additional risk assessment material.