

Animal Contact Advice

All animals naturally carry a range of micro-organisms, some of which can be passed onto humans, where they may cause ill health. Some of these such as E Coli 0157, present a serious hazard to health and can cause severe illness.

The risk can be controlled by following these simple measures during your visit:

- **Wash hands properly with soap and water**
 - After touching animals or their pens
 - After leaving the animal contact areas
 - Before eating or drinking
 - After changing footwear
 - Before leaving the farm
- **Supervise children to wash their hands properly**
- **Cover all cuts and grazes with a waterproof dressing/plaster**
 - Do not kiss animals
 - Do not eat, drink or breastfeed whilst in the animal areas
 - Do not let children touch animals or railings if they suck their fingers
 - Do not allow children to suck their fingers or put anything in their mouth when in the animal areas, including small toys/comfort blankets
 - Do not reuse dummies if they touch the floor, until they have been sterilised
- **Wash footwear and buggy wheels before leaving the farm**

If a member of your group shows signs of illness (e.g. sickness or diarrhea) after a visit, they should visit a doctor explaining they have had recent contact with animals.

