

RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

This document has been prepared to meet the requirements of Group Organisers and is confirmation of Risk Assessment prepared by West Midland Safari Park:

West Midland Safari Park operates under License to the Wyre Forest. To fulfil the requirements of the License, we are legally required to complete a full Risk Assessment on each department; these include: Animal Reserves; Catering; Amusements and Rides and all other Public Areas

The Risk Assessment was carried out in 1995 and is updated annually; although our Licensing Authority issues no Risk Assessment Certificate, it is a requirement of the License.

West Midland Safari Park is also a member of the British Association of Leisure Parks, Piers and Attractions (BALPPA). Membership deems that an annual qualified, independent engineers carry out Ride Inspection. No ride can be operated without this annual test certificate, which is validated by the Association.

The Health and Safety Executive, as well as the Environmental Services Officers, who monitor our documentation and operation, regularly inspect us.

In an effort to give help and give advice to visitors arriving in groups. In our experience, we have concluded that the most common risk is the 'trip and fall' accident. Therefore, pedestrian and amusement areas are inspected daily. Daily Report Sheets are completed for these areas and are returned to the Management to ensure that the ground operations are monitored at all times.

To ensure that your group minimises the potential for accident, please remind them to follow all safety instructions where displayed; obey all signs and to keep to the pedestrian areas at all times. It is also advisable to suggest wearing footwear that does not have slippery soles or high heels, especially in damp or wet weather and during evening events.

Whilst driving through the animal reserves do not open doors, windows or sun roof when in the Wolf, Lion, Tiger and Wild Dog Reserves or when near a camel. It is forbidden for anyone to leave their vehicle anywhere in the animal reserves. Should you get into difficulties and require help, sound your horn and wait for a Patrol vehicle. A Warden must supervise any vehicle, bus or coach evacuations. Should you have a member of your group not travelling on your bus or coach, but in a separate vehicle, please note that certain vehicles cannot be admitted to drive through Wolf, Tiger, Lion or Wild Dog Reserves- for examples convertibles or three wheelers.

There are areas where visitors are encouraged to feed some of the animals. We provide a hand wipe with each box of animal food purchased. Nonetheless, we would still recommend that hands are always washed properly before handling or consuming food.

There is a full time First Aider on duty every day whilst the Park is open. In addition, full time members of staff who are also qualified to administer first aid support the First Aider. It is company policy not to administer any pills, creams, potions or sprays. However the Park does have a small supply of provisions available to purchase on site.

A preview ticket is automatically included with our group information pack. This is produced specifically for group leaders to view our premises for suitability before making a group booking. During a preview visit, we would welcome any suggestions or specific observations you may wish to bring to our notice, to improve any of the facilities that we have on offer. If you feel unsure about anything, please ask.

Our aim is to provide a safe, enjoyable and memorable day out for our guests and we wish you all a very pleasant and enjoyable trip.

SAFETY OFFICER