

Risk Assessment – Restaurants

Area of Operation: visits to restaurants and public houses

Who is at risk?

- Staff
- Students
- Members of the public

Hazards	Risks	Safety Measures to Control Risks
Use of public toilets	Risk of separation from the group and interactions with strangers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff accompany students to toilets as needed, ensuring privacy and supervision. ○ Select seating near facilities for easier monitoring. ○ Set a designated meeting point outside toilets in case of separation.
Separation or wandering	Risk of students straying from the group or moving to restricted areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implement a buddy system, with each staff member assigned to a small group. ○ Review boundaries with students before entering, such as remaining at the table. ○ Staff carry ID cards, or mobile phones for quick communication in case of separation
Extreme weather conditions (outdoor seating)	Risk of heatstroke, hypothermia, or other weather-related discomfort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Check the weather forecast before the visit, especially for outdoor seating. ○ Ensure students wear appropriate clothing and bring items such as sunscreen, hats, or coats as needed. ○ Monitor students for signs of weather-related discomfort if seated outdoors.
Students's potential behavioural issues	Risk of disruptive behaviour, leading to accidents or disturbing other patrons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prefer family-friendly venues with minimal public traffic, where students can engage calmly. ○ Maintain a high staff-to-child ratio for close supervision and individual support. ○ Brief students on behaviour expectations, including staying seated and respecting others.
Interaction with other patrons	Potential for misunderstandings or conflicts with other restaurant or pub visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prepare students for expected behaviour around others, such as keeping noise levels low and respecting space. ○ Position staff nearby to intervene if a situation arises. - Staff trained to calmly manage any conflicts and explain the group's purpose if needed.

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Alcohol misuse	Risk of young people consuming alcohol or inappropriate staff behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff are strictly prohibited from consuming alcohol while on duty. - Staff to supervise and ensure that young people do not have access to or consume alcohol.
Food allergies and dietary restrictions	Risk of allergic reactions if students consume restricted foods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm all allergies and dietary restrictions beforehand, and communicate them to restaurant staff. Review the menu with staff to select appropriate food options for each child. Staff carry a first aid kit with necessary allergy medication, if required.
Crowded or confined spaces	Risk of overstimulation, leading to distress or wandering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose less crowded sections or visit during quieter times if possible. Conduct regular headcounts and remind students to remain at the table. Consider bringing sensory aids, like headphones or fidget items, if overstimulation is a concern.
Spills and hot surfaces	Risk of burns from hot food or drinks, or injury from slipping on spills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure students are seated safely away from hot surfaces or sharp objects. Staff monitor areas for potential spill hazards and notify restaurant staff if necessary. Staff carry a first aid kit to respond to minor injuries.
Emergency evacuation	Risk of confusion or distress if evacuation from the venue is required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and communicate emergency exits and meeting points. Keep a high staff-to-child ratio to support students during emergencies and ensure they stay with the group.

To be read in conjunction with the following:

- Student's Risk Assessments
- Participant Consent / Medical Information
- Emergency Action Plan Flow-Chart

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