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Guidance for writing your RHS Rosemoor Visit Risk Assessment

Site Traffic	Watch out for vehicles when walking through the car park and around the site. Garden staff may be using tractors, mowers or other machinery. Please take care.
Water	Take care around water features in the garden, such as the lake and stream. Throw lines are provided around deeper water.
Uneven, steep and muddy paths	Some paths can become muddy at times and are uneven. Grass areas can also be slippery. Please wear suitable footwear on your visit and take care whilst walking around.
Plants	Some plants in the garden are spiky and others can cause skin irritation or can cause discomfort if ingested. Most plants are fine to touch but please ask a member of staff if you are unsure. Plant supports can also be pointed.
Allergies	The garden contains a very wide range of plants, some of which have the potential to cause allergic reactions (e.g. nut bearing trees). There are also bees in the Garden, especially active during the summer months. Please contact us in advance if you have any concerns about particular allergens.
Weather / Severe weather	Workshops will go ahead pretty much whatever the weather! You need to come prepared to be out in the sun, rain, wind or cold conditions. In rare cases of severe weather, the garden may need to be evacuated and close at short notice. The duty manager will coordinate this and Rosemoor staff will assist your group to safely exit the garden
Health & Safety and First Aid	All visiting schools should carry their own first aid kit and are responsible for providing first aid to their children in the first instance. There are RHS first aiders on site every day and the RHS has policies and procedures in place in case of Fire or a Lost Child. If you need assistance, please alert a member of staff.
Infection	It is advisable that pupils have an up-to-date tetanus inoculation before their visit to the garden, and make sure to wash hands before eating. It is important to cover any cuts with a plaster.
Other people in the Garden	There will be other members of the public visiting Rosemoor during your visit, including other children who may be in the play areas. Please take this into account.
Play Areas	If you are planning to visit the play areas during your visit, please ensure you include this in your risk assessment.

In general, be **SAFE**:

- Spend your time safely with us
- Advise us of any emergencies or concerns
- Follow any instructions
- Enjoy your visit

In an emergency, please contact a member of staff for assistance.