

## Risk Assessment – Theme Parks

**Area of Operation:** visits to theme parks, fun fairs and attractions

### Who is at risk?

- Staff
- Students
- Members of the public

Hazards	Risks	Safety Measures to Control Risks
Crowds and confined spaces	Risk of students feeling overwhelmed, distressed, or getting separated from the group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Choose less crowded times or arrange for quieter, designated areas if possible.</li> <li>○ Ensure students stay close to the group and designate meeting points.</li> <li>○ Staff carry ID cards for easy identification.</li> </ul>
Use of public toilets	Risk of separation from the group and interactions with strangers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have staff accompany students to toilets as needed, while ensuring privacy.</li> <li>○ Choose toilets close to activity areas for monitoring.</li> <li>○ Set a designated meeting point near the toilets in case of separation.</li> </ul>
Separation or wandering	Risk of students straying or becoming lost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Use a buddy system and assign each staff member to supervise a small group.</li> <li>○ Review safety rules and meeting points with students before arrival.</li> <li>○ Staff carry radios or mobile phones for quick communication.</li> </ul>
Extreme weather conditions (hot/cold)	Risk of dehydration, heatstroke, hypothermia, or other weather-related discomfort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Check the weather forecast in advance; encourage appropriate clothing.</li> <li>○ Provide water bottles and monitor for signs of heat or cold exposure.</li> <li>○ Plan breaks in shaded or sheltered areas to regulate temperature.</li> </ul>
Loud noises and bright lights	Risk of overstimulation leading to distress or behavioural issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brief students on what to expect, including loud sounds or flashing lights.</li> <li>○ Offer ear protection if needed and avoid particularly noisy areas if possible.</li> </ul>
Attraction rides and height restrictions	Risk of accidents or injuries on rides due to height/age restrictions or sudden motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Confirm height and age restrictions beforehand to avoid disappointment.</li> <li>○ Ensure students know they must adhere to all ride requirements and staff instructions.</li> <li>○ Staff carry a first aid kit for any incidents.</li> </ul>
Interaction with the public	Potential for misunderstandings or conflicts with other parkgoers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ensure students are briefed on behaviour expectations. - Staff trained in de-escalation techniques to calmly manage any misunderstandings.</li> </ul>

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Food and drink availability	Risk of choking, allergies, or spillage injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ensure any food brought or purchased aligns with dietary needs and allergies.</li> <li>○ Staff carry a first aid kit for potential incidents.</li> </ul>
Long queues	Potential for distress, restlessness, or fatigue due to waiting times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Use a queuing pass if available, or take breaks if lines are long.</li> <li>○ Encourage students to bring activities to pass the time if allowed.</li> <li>○ Plan rest stops to prevent fatigue.</li> </ul>
Students's potential behavioural issues	Increased risk of disruptive behaviour or distress leading to conflict or harm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prepare students for what to expect at the attraction.</li> <li>○ Staff trained in de-escalation techniques to manage behaviours calmly and support students with emotional needs.</li> </ul>

To be read in conjunction with the following:

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

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