

School:
Excursion Date:

Risk Management & Safety for School Groups
Accompanying Staff:

Alice Springs Desert Park

Item	Situation	Potential Hazard	Safety Controls
1	Walking through the Park and animal exhibits	<p>Student may lose school group and/or get lost.</p> <p>Slip, trip or fall</p> <p>Sunburn, heat stress, dehydration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers should ensure students are aware and prepared for walking through a large site Teachers must follow recommended supervision ratios of 1:1 special needs, 1:5 preschool and early years students and 1:10 for Primary years students and above. Teachers/supervising adults should implement effective supervision strategies (e.g. Name badges, mobile contact number displayed on students, utilising Desert Park staff in case of emergencies, regular roll calls and awareness of emergency phones* and mustering points#) Desert Park staff have emergency procedures related to missing visitors Teachers should ensure students wear appropriate footwear – closed toe shoes Teachers should familiarize themselves with the location of water bubblers and encourage students to use them (Courtyard, Shelter J, G & L and adjacent to Amphitheatre) First aid officers are on duty at all times within the Desert Park. Teachers to ensure students are provided with adequate sun protection
2	Contact with animals & plants	<p>Disease, infections or allergies</p> <p>Animal bite or scratch</p> <p>Collision with free flying birds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close encounters animals are always under the supervision of trained staff Animals are regularly checked for potential disease Procedures exist to ensure keepers handling animals do not transfer bacteria (eg Salmonella) to surfaces touched by others The Desert Park has a policy of visitors not handling animals Animals used for close encounters with visitors are conditioned to minimize the potential of biting and area always under the supervision of trained staff Teachers / supervising adults should ensure students do not enter restricted areas without approval or supervision of Park staff. Teachers / supervising adults to ensure students do not approach or chase animals within walk through kangaroo and bird exhibits There is always a guide on duty at the Nature Theatre Presentation who will advise you group when it is safe to enter and exit the presentation Teachers / supervising adults must ensure their groups stay seated at all times during the presentation
3	Boarding and disembarking Buses	Injury during boarding or disembarking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buses to use the designated bus stop when dropping off and picking up students Teachers / supervising adults to ensure students are supervised at all times at the recommended ratios.

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4	Illness or injury	Student injury (general)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Park First aid officers are on duty at all times to respond to emergencies• There is a sick bed onsite
5	Traffic Hazards	Injury by moving vehicles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traffic speed limit of 10 km/h for all vehicles within the car park.• Speed limit of 10km /h for staff driving within the Park• Car Park has a designated bus parking bay.• There is a designated and marked walkway to the Park entrance.
6	Child Protection		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Park staff delivering learning programs are required to have current working with children cards• Teachers must supervise students at all times at the recommended ratios

All groups are welcomed by a Guide on arrival and labels and maps are issued to supervising adults. The Desert Park map has symbols indicating drinking fountains, emergency phones* and our first aid station. There are first aid kits throughout the park but they are only accessible to staff. There is always a staff member on duty with Warden and First Aid qualifications.

* Emergency phones are located at the Desert Rivers and Woodland walk through exhibits (#7 & 25 on the map) and on the outside of the Nocturnal House on the Sand country side. The Park Duty Officer number is only to be used in the case of an emergency 0419822 472

Emergency Muster Points are at the bus shelter as you enter the park, Shelter J, Shelter H and adjacent to the Admin building Our muster points (emergency) these will be added to the next lot of Park maps being printed