

**RISK ASSESSMENT FINDINGS**

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| **Department/Service** |  |
| **Date** |  |
| **Assessor** |  |
| **Approved By** |  |
| **Review Date** |  |

**Relevant Legislation:**

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999

**RISK ASSESSMENT RECORD**

**ACTIVITY and/or ENVIRONMENT TO BE ASSESSED: Hatching eggs**

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| **KEY (People at risk)** | **Likelihood (L)** | **Severity (S)** | **Risk Calculation** | **Risk Rating** |
| E = Employee YP = Young Persons  P = Public  C = Contractors  V = Visitors  EM = Expectant Mothers | 1. Very Low (rare/very unlikely)  2. Low (unlikely)  3. Medium (could occur/possible)  4. High (likely to occur/probable)  5. Very High (near certain to occur) | 1. Insignificant (nuisance/discomfort)  2. Minor (no lost time)  3. Moderate (time loss)  4. Significant (serious/incapacity to work)  5. Major (Death) | Likelihood x Severity  =  Rating | **1- 6** **LOW RISK** Monitor   * 1. **MEDIUM RISK** Monitor, review & reduce risk where possible   **14-25** **HIGH RISK** Further Action Required |

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| **1.Hazards Identified and potential harm it could cause** | **2. People**  **At Risk** | **3.Controls in Place** | **4.Risk Rating** | | | | **5. Further Action Required/ Recommendations** | **6.Target Date for Completion** |
| **L** | **S** | **Score** | **Risk** |

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| Disinfecting the incubator |  | Disease unlikely if suitable precautions and procedures adopted. Disinfect incubator before and after incubation period. Local pet shops may sell a suitable disinfectant e.g. Virkon. All items that come into contact with the animals after they hatch should be disinfected and cleaned before and after use. As chicks are particularly messy birds, regular cleaning/ disinfection should occur. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Disposal of remains |  | All eggshell remains after hatching, any unhatched eggs and soiled paper and litter should be disposed of hygienically by wrapping in newspaper and placing inside a plastic sack before disposal in normal refuse. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The importance of good hygiene |  | Hands must be washed thoroughly and dried with paper towels before and after contact. Any cuts on the hands must be suitably protected. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Salmonella |  | Due to the risk of eggs/chicks carrying salmonella bacteria the above good hygiene guidelines should be followed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Allergy |  | It is wise to discourage the handling of chicks by any pupil who is known to be allergic to animals |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Danger of birds developing rickets |  | Young and adult chickens can develop rickets if an adequate diet is not provided. Good quality feed should be purchased from a reputable pet/ animal store. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Suspected illness must be notified |  | It is most unlikely that the hatched chickens will show any signs of infectious disease but if some ailment is suspected, it is essential that the animal is taken to a vet. This is because certain diseases eg. Newcastle’s disease, must be reported by law to the authorities. In these circumstances, it is not sufficient just to destroy the animals humanely. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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