

Risk Assessment – Schools Activity: Star Show



ACTIVITY ASSESSED Visits to the Planetarium & Observatory		ASSESSMENT DATE November 2005 (last reviewed: January 2010, EJR)	
ACTIVITY LOCATION Wynyard Woodland Park		ASSESSED BY Ed Restall Planetarium Director	
HAZARD	Who's at risk?	PRECAUTIONS	RISK LEVEL
Travel to and from the venue	Teachers, Supervising Adults, Pupils & Students, Planetarium Staff and Public Visitors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A narrow lane approaching the park and a very busy car park make it essential that teachers and supervising adults keep children under control at all times in these areas. 2. The planetarium is on a country park and children should be warned about wet and slippery conditions along footpaths and steps during inclement weather. 	Medium
Tripping Hazard within the venue		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some of the seating in the Planetarium is tiered and there is a step up. A verbal warning is given about this prior to a show beginning and at the end so that visitors don't forget about it upon leaving. 2. Glow in the dark edging is attached to the lip of the step which provides some degree of warning 3. Should a party visit the observatory the observing area is on the first floor through a trap door, this door should be closed before looking through the telescope. A verbal warning will be given about this, however we seldom take parties to the telescope as a camera attached to it projects images into the planetarium. 4. Steep steps and uneven woodland path between Planetarium & Observatory. 	Low
General Fire risk		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fabric of Dome and Seating are fire proofed and a Fire Brigade Risk Assessment is in place. 2. Instructions are given at the start of each presentation regarding fire procedures and the location of emergency exits. 3. Fire extinguishers are located within the auditorium in case of a fire. 	Low
Light Contrast Hazard		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emerging from the darkness of the planetarium into daylight can affect vision until eyes have adjusted. A verbal warning is given about this at the end of every show. 2. It would help if a teacher or accompanying adult warns children of this before a visit as well. 	Low