

Meeting the animals - safely

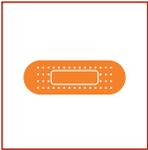
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Getting to meet the animals is exciting. But they can carry germs, and some of these can make you sick. So you need to be careful. If you remember a few simple things you can really enjoy your visit and do a lot to keep those germs away.

Before your visit



Wear clothes that are right for being on a farm; for example, strong shoes.



Make sure that any **cuts or grazes** you have are **covered** with waterproof dressings.



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It might seem like great fun, but **don't kiss animals** or **allow them to lick your face**.

Don't suck your fingers or put anything you find in **your mouth**.

When you're with the animals or in the animal area, **don't eat or drink** anything – and **never eat animal food** or pick up any food from the ground.



Unless someone working on the farm gives you permission, **don't go into pens or fields** and **don't pick up any tools**. Never **touch animal droppings**.



Always **wash your hands** thoroughly **with soap and water** after you have touched animals, fences or surfaces. Wipes and gels do not remove germs that are in dirt.

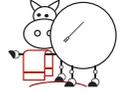


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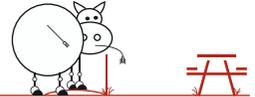
Feeding time - for you!

Wash your hands with soap and warm water, rinse them in running water and **dry them properly** before you start to eat. Always supervise young children.



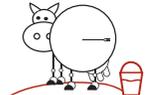
Eat only in areas where you have been told it's **OK**.

Eat only food you bring with you, or food you buy from a food shop on the farm.



Don't drink from any **taps** unless they are clearly marked that it's OK to drink from them.

Don't drink unpasteurised or **raw milk**.



...and before leaving



Make sure you put any **rubbish** in **waste bins**.

Don't leave any food lying around behind you.

This is very important. Take it home or put it in **waste bins** provided.



Try and keep footwear and pram or buggy wheels clean during your visit.

Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water **after removing shoes and boots**, and **after cleaning footwear and prams or buggies** during your visit.

