



Field Trip Risk Assessment – Outdoor Field Trip

The following table shows some of the risks that should be considered when conducting field trips with school groups outside. The risk assessment below is presented as a guide only, and class leaders should produce their own comprehensive risk assessment. BNT accepts no responsibility for any errors or omissions in this document, or any consequences of its use.

Hazard	Risk	Control
Tree stumps and roots, rocks and uneven ground	Trips, falls, foot injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver safety instructions prior and during the visit • Appropriate footwear to be worn • No running allowed • Carry a mobile phone for emergency use • Carry a first aid kit
Contact with plants and other natural materials – risk of allergic reaction/skin irritation, cuts from thorns (Prickly Pear), pollen etc.	Cuts, scratches, eye pokers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students advised to wear appropriate clothing (e.g. long sleeve shirts, trousers & appropriate shoes) • Students given a safety talk before setting out • Potentially harmful plants identified before setting out • No parts of plants to be removed or eaten unless instructed by BNT staff • Wash hands before lunch • Provide antiseptic wipes • Asthma sufferers should carry inhaler
Insects	Bite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise students of risk • Advise students to move slowly near bee hives or individual potentially biting insects • Students with allergic reactions to insect bites should carry antihistamine and/or Epi-pen

Water (Pond, dock and ocean front)	Drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deliver safety instruction near the edge of ocean or ponds• No running allowed near open water
Sun exposure	Sunburn, Sunstroke	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advise students to wear hat and long sleeves• Advise students to apply sun screen before setting out• Advise students to bring their own water bottle to stay hydrated