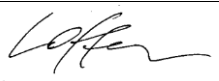


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Risk assessment last reviewed	Name: Matthew Page				Severity (S)	Likelihood (L)	Risk rating (S x L)
	Job Title: Education Outreach Officer						
	Signature: 	Date: 28/08/2026					
Risk assessment last approved	Name: Lucinda Offer, Head of Science Communication						
	Signature: 	Date: 30/09/26					
Date of next review	August 2027						
			1	Little or no harm/ Negligible impact	Unlikely	1-5 Low	
			2	First aid on site/ Minor impact	Possible	6-10 Medium	
			3	Qualified medical attention/ Moderate impact	Probable		
			4	Hospitalisation/ Serious impact requiring external agency involvement	Likely	10+ High	
			5	Death or irreparable injury/ Life-changing impact	Certain		
Hazard	Risk	Control measures	(S)	(L)	Risk rating*		
Making Mice	Participants Swallowing small decorative parts (e.g. mouse tails)	- Children aged 3 and under not to take part - Supervision of at least 2 adults per 30 children, preferably more	3	1	3		
Launching Mice	Participants Hitting face	- Demonstrate launch procedure and advise children not to put face over bottles when launching - Advise children to check for others before launching - Launch at arm's length	2	1	2		
Inflating bottles	All Transmission of bacteria or disease (including respiratory illnesses)	- Demonstrate how to push bottles back into shape if crushed - Advise children not to use their own mouths to blow into bottles - If children are seen reinflating bottles themselves, advise them to continue using same bottles and not to share	2	3	6		

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		• Only presenter or other adults to refill bottles using hygiene tubes			
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