

## WWOOF UK

### Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults and Children Risk Assessment Template

This risk assessment template is for WWOOF hosts and volunteers, who may have vulnerable people in their care within a WWOOF exchange. It is intended to be a useful guide for members to reassure themselves that they can identify, manage and reduce any risks to vulnerable people - the examples below are just an indication of how you might use the template. **Please remember, if you have vulnerable people in your care during a WWOOF exchange, their safety and welfare remain your responsibility at all times.**

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	Likelihood of it happening <i>Unlikely</i> <i>Possible</i> <i>Likely</i>	Impact of it happening <i>Minor</i> <i>Moderate</i> <i>Major</i>	Stop the activity?  Action needed	Reduce the risk?  Action needed	How and when will you review the risks?
<i>e.g. WWOOFer's son, Jack, is aged 7 and gets injured whilst helping out – the host is first on the scene, cannot find the parent, and does not know what to do with a distressed child</i>	<i>Possible</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Not necessary</i>	<i>Ensure both Jack and the host are comfortable with the host giving basic 1st aid and hugs. Make sure everyone knows where 1st aid kit is.</i>	<i>Include Jack in weekly WWOOFing chat at Friday night dinner, and talk about the incident to assess any discomfort. Include info and ask questions about 1<sup>st</sup> aid with any future WWOOFers who have kids.</i>
<i>e.g. host's daughter, Sarah, is aged 23 has learning difficulties and is on medication for epilepsy. She drinks too much alcohol with a WWOOFer. She gets sick and upset (and has increased risk of having a seizure).</i>	<i>Possible</i>	<i>Major</i>	<i>Yes – immediately</i>	<i>Make sure both Sarah and WWOOFers are clear about boundaries with alcohol, and that WWOOFers understand Sarah's needs. Ensure Sarah can tell WWOOFers what she wants and what she can and can't do.</i>	<i>Supervise any contact between Sarah and WWOOFer for 2 days, and keep communication clear at daily chat at morning tea break. Ensure alcohol is mentioned at initial chat with future WWOOFers.</i>

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