

MUSEUM OF HUMAN DISEASE

Background Information for Risk Assessments

This information is provided to assist teachers in developing a risk assessment for this activity. The Museum **cannot make the assessment for you.**

Department: Pathology	Location of task: Museum, Ground floor, Samuels	Procedure title: Excursion to Museum
Assessed by: Robert Lansdown	Contact number: 9385 1522	Date assessed: 9 th January 2006

Description of Procedure: Visitors attending educational tours/programs at the Museum of Human Disease. During their tour, visitors are able to look at microscope slides that have already been prepared and set up for observation only, use the computer program as instructed by staff and observe the museum specimens on shelves all whilst under supervision.

Review of Hazard/Risk

Step in Process	Hazards in carrying out this step	Risk (Harm)	EXISTING CONTROLS	Risk Rating with existing controls			ADDITIONAL CONTROLS REQUIRED	Risk Rating with added controls		
				Consequence	Probability	Risk Rating		Consequence	Probability	Risk Rating
Tour through Museum areas	Slips, trips & falls	Physical injury e.g. sprains, aches	Instruction/orientation, signage, supervision	2	E	L	None	-	-	-
Tour through Museum areas	Sensitivity to viewing human tissue	Emotional reaction	Orientation, supervision, First Aid officers on staff	2	C	M	Students informed of nature of specimens by teachers / group leaders prior to visit	2	E	L

Related Material

Other risk assessments:

No added risk assessments required for this activity.

Standard operating procedures:

None required for this activity.

MSDS:

None necessary for this activity.

Comments:

In the rare event of a spill, disposal containers and spillage kits are provided in case of leakage or breakage of specimen pots. On going training, fire drills and appointed fire wardens are equipped to handle evacuation procedures.

Emergency Information

First Aid Officers: Robert Lansdown, Francesca Cato, Alan Mitchell Contact No. 9385 2190/1522/1001 Room: G04A/G06, Samuels building	Location of First Aid Kit: Museum office, conservation lab Location of Spill Kit: Bay 21 (Museum) Location of Eye Wash/Safety Shower: G06B (Conservation Lab)	In An Emergency Call: 9385 6666
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Overall Risk Assessment

Low risk (simple assessment).....File and keep this assessment.
 Risks are significant but can be effectively controlled.....File and keep this assessment.
 Risks are significant and not easily controlled.....Carry out a more detailed risk assessment and report. File and keep. Consider other control measures and provide training.

The task should not proceed if the risk rating after the controls are implemented is still either HIGH or SEVERE.

Supervisor or designated officer

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Signature: 

Date: 21/1/2008

Legend

Consequence:		Probability:		Risk Rating:					
Level	Descriptor	Level	Descriptor	Probability	Consequence				
					Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
1	Insignificant	A	Almost certain	A (Almost certain)	M	H	H	VH	VH
2	Minor	B	Likely	B (Likely)	M	M	H	H	VH
3	Moderate	C	Possible	C (Possible)	L	M	H	H	VH
4	Major	D	Unlikely	D (Unlikely)	L	L	M	M	H
5	Severe	E	Rare	E (Rare)	L	L	M	M	H

Recommended Action Guide: VH= Very High; H = High; M = Moderate; L = Low