

# Really Wild Enterprises

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## Really Wild Encounter Risk Assessment

The Really Wild Encounter is primarily an educational based interactive experience utilising live animals. These animals are either rescued pets or Customs & Excise seized animals that have been loaned to Shaldon Wildlife Trust with whom Really Wild Enterprises represent in the public domain. The proprietor of Really Wild Enterprises, Neil Vaughan, is also the Education Officer for Shaldon Wildlife Trust.

The following page gives an indication of potential risks during the setting up of equipment, presentation of the encounter and striking down of the equipment.

There is also a list of animals that may be encountered by the audience and their potential risk.

### **Background information:**

Neil Vaughan has been working in the zoo education domain for over 10 years. He is a qualified zoologist with specialist knowledge in exotic animal sciences and management. He has had full CRB checks and also an enhanced disclosure, copies available on request.

Really Wild Enterprises has been trading since July 1998 and attends over 300 events per annum, in this time there has been only one injury caused to a member of the public, this being a young man who ignored the instructions of his teacher.

As a member of Equity Neil Vaughan has Public Liability Insurance cover of 10 million pounds (membership no: M00214756 Ins Policy No: RTT112094 ).

The insurance is not valid if the audience members ignore the safety announcements from the presenters or enter into or behind the rainforest set without prior permission from the presenting staff.

We look forward to meeting you at your event.

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Proprietor – Mr N Vaughan

### **Animals encountered during our presentations**

The welfare of our animals is paramount to the degree that if we feel that any harm may come to them during a presentation we will return them to their travel enclosures and finish the encounter earlier than scheduled.

They are regularly health checked and any animal showing signs of abnormal health or physiological state will not be taken out. We always advise at the end of an encounter session that anyone who has touched or handled an animal should wash their hands which is in itself good hygiene practice.

#### **Species**

#### **Potential Risk**

Corn snake	Biting / constriction
Royal Python	Biting / constriction
Mexican Red-Knee Bird Eating Spider	Hair flicking <b>Venomous</b>
Chilean Rose Bird Eating Spider	Hair flicking <b>Venomous</b>
Sulphur Crested Cockatoo	Bites / Scratching
Giant Spiny Stick Insects	Stab injuries from spines
Chinchillas / Jirds	Bites / Scratching
Blue Tongue Skink	Bites / Scratching
Berber Skink	Bites / Scratching
Madagascan Giant Hissing Cockroaches	No risk
Giant African Land Snails	No Risk
Guinea Pigs	Bites / Scratching

The risk of any injury is LOW as each animal is selected for its individual good nature and suitability for handling along with the experience of the handlers / presenters.

### *Rainforest set and associated equipment*

The Really Wild Encounter is set within a rainforest set. Depending on the size and location for the presentation a variety of equipment can be used. This equipment is regularly checked for safety requirements and poses NO RISK unless tampered with by a member of the audience. Our PLI requires that no one other than employees of Really Wild Enterprises should enter the set unless invited and should remain a minimum of 1 meter away from the front edge of the set.

<u><i>Equipment</i></u>	<u><i>Potential Risk</i></u>
Aluminium lighting rig / stage	Falling on audience if safety / fixing pins removed
Spotlights	Burns from touching
Extension leads	Tripping / electrocution
PA Speakers	unsafe sound levels
Speaker leads	Tripping
PA Amplifier	Electrocution
Scenery panels	Falling on audience
Camouflage netting	Tripping
Animal enclosure heaters	Burns / electrocution