

Staying Safe at socials and work mornings

This list of guidelines for children will help you to keep your child(ren) safe when they are spending time at Canalside. Please read the information below and share it with your child(ren) as appropriate for their age. If you need any further information, please speak to a member of staff or someone from the socials team.

How to stay safe at Canalside:

- Stay in the grassy social area. The car park is not for playing in.
- If the tractor has to move, stand out of its way and wait until it has gone past.
- The social area is mostly grass, but sometimes sharp objects or plants which can hurt you might be there. Keep your shoes on, and stay away from patches of nettles or brambles at the edges of the social area and in the fields/orchard.
- Please leave tools alone. If someone has forgotten to put a tool away, please tell an adult so that it can be put away.
- If you need to go in the tool shed, growers' shed or working end of the pole barn, please go with an adult – there might be sharp tools and dangerous substances in them.
- Please stay off machinery, including tractors, straw bales and the compost heap.
- Please stay out of cupboards, boxes and drawers – some of them may contain things which could hurt you (batteries in the store room off the collection space, sharp cutlery and cleaning materials in the field kitchen) and the big boxes have very heavy lids which might trap your fingers.
- We have a 'dogs on leads' rule for well behaved dogs to be in the social area– if there is a dog and you feel worried about this, please tell an adult. They will speak to a member of Canalside staff or someone from the socials team.
- We often have a fire at socials, and sometimes a barbecue as well. Ask the adult you came with before going close to the fire/BBQ and walk when you are near them.
- Remember to wash your hands with soap after using the compost toilet, after working in the field and before eating.
- If you're helping with a work morning out in the field, listen carefully to anything the grower says about staying safe.
- When you lift something heavy, ask for help so that you don't injure yourself.
- During your time at the farm, stay in the same area as the adult you came with so that they can help keep you safe.

We ask parents to take responsibility for the safety of their child(ren) during their time at Canalside – this includes informing staff of anything that you feel is a hazard that needs attention.

Many thanks for your help in keeping everyone safe,
The Canalside team, August 2018