



FIRE SAFETY POLICY

Densholme Care Farm provides for groups of clients of all ages with differing physical, learning, mental health, emotional, social and behavioural needs, as well as school/college work placement students and the general public.

As such, it is particularly important that buildings and other areas can be evacuated quickly and easily in case of fire.

This Care Farm has the following features:

- Adequate, signed fire exits in all buildings
- Ramps where required
- Adequate fire alarm systems that are tested at the required intervals
- Adequate, in date fire extinguishers of the correct type, in all buildings and fire blankets where required, as advised by Humberside Fire Service.
- Regular fire drills so that all students and staff are familiar with drill routine and assembly points
- Risk assessments have been prepared for all tasks that have fire risk attached
- Clearly signed Fire Assembly point.

Fire Officers: Denys Fell. Deputy: Rachel Williamson





FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

Fire Safety Housekeeping

Fire doors are designed to prevent the spread of fire and poisonous smoke, and to provide people with protected routes to safety in the event of fire. **DO NOT WEDGE FIRE DOORS OPEN**, or store combustible materials in corridors and stairs. It is also an offence.

Staff and visitors must familiarise themselves with the location of all fire exits, fire alarm call-points, fire extinguishers and the Fire Assembly Point.

This is a non-smoking building – smoking is not permitted anywhere on the premises.

Discovering a fire – what you must do:

RAISE THE ALARM - warn everyone in the building that there is a fire and **SOUND THE ALARM**.

CALL THE FIRE BRIGADE

DO NOT DELAY in summoning the Fire Brigade. Call from a place of safety. Dial 999 and give our details – Densholme Care Farm, Hull Road, Great Hatfield, HU11 4UX.

ATTEMPT TO FIGHT THE FIRE – (if safe to do so)

Prompt use of a fire extinguisher can nip a major incident in the bud. If you encounter a fire then only use the extinguisher if it is safe to do so, and you know how to use them. Leave as soon as the extinguisher has emptied, or the fire is growing! The fire blanket and powder extinguisher are located next to the oven in the kitchen area.

REMEMBER:

- SOUND THE ALARM FIRST & CALL THE FIRE BRIGADE
- KEEP YOUR ESCAPE ROUTE CLEAR
- USE THE CORRECT TYPE OF EXTINGUISHER.

Evacuation procedure ON HEARING THE FIRE ALARM:

- Leave the building **PROMPTLY**, **DO NOT WAIT TO BE TOLD AND DO NOT** attempt to collect personal belongings.
- Observe any specific instructions about isolating equipment or services.
- Use your nearest Fire Exit, (look for the green 'Running-Person' signs).
- If you find smoke blocking your route then go a different way.
- **DO NOT** block the fire exits.
- Move away from the building and keep the entrances clear for the Fire Brigade.
- Once out of the building proceed to the Fire Assembly Point and listen to the instructions given by the Fire Officer, who is responsible for your safety and liaising with the Fire Brigade.

- DO NOT go back into the building until you are specifically told to do so by the Fire Officer or the attending Fire Brigade Officer in-Charge.

NOTE: silencing the alarms is not a signal to re-enter the building.

Helping Visitors and others that you may encounter:

- Fire Officers are there to help and ensure the building is evacuated; you must carry out any directions they give.
- DO escort out your visitors, members of the public etc.
- **DO assist anyone with mobility difficulties.**

Fire Assembly Point:

The Fire Assembly Point is located in the car park next to the metal gate to access the Amenity Trail and is clearly signposted.

The conduct of people at the Fire Assembly Points and on leaving the building is critical to everyone's safety.

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FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Report of audit and inspection

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1. PREMISES DETAILS

PREMISES ADDRESS	Densholme Farm (Amenity Building)
OCCUPIER	Densholme Care Farm
OWNER	Denys Fell
RESPONSIBLE PERSON	Denys Fell
USE & MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PERSONS PRESENT	Care Farm clients, staff, volunteers, visitors, maximum persons 50.
HOURS PREMISES ARE IN USE	9am to 4.30pm, but 10pm when external visitors book the use.
CONSTRUCTION	Timber
DIMENSIONS	12m x 7m
No. OF FLOORS IN PREMISES	One
No. OF FLOORS IN BUILDING	None
DETAILS OF OTHER PREMISES IF PART OF MULTI-OCCUPIED BUILDING	
NAME OF ASSESSOR INCLUDING CONTACT DETAILS	Rachael Fell-Chambers Rachael@densholmefarm-action.co.uk 07747691411
TRAINING & EXPERIENCE OR KNOWLEDGE OR OTHER QUALITIES OF ASSESSOR	IOSH qualified.
DATE ASSESSMENT CARRIED OUT	1.9.23
REVIEW DATE	1.9.24

2. PREMISES PLAN (Optional but recommended)

PREMISES PLAN DETAILING MEANS OF ESCAPE & OTHER PREVENTITIVE & PROTECTIVE MEASURES.

3. FIRE HAZARDS

3.1. SOURCES IGNITION INCLUDING ACTION TAKEN TO REDUCE THE RISK:	
HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	Oven
EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES	Fire blanket and extinguisher present. Adequate supervision. Staff briefing clients when being used.
ACTION REQUIRED	

3.2. SOURCES OF FUEL INCLUDING ACTION TAKEN TO REDUCE THE RISK:	
HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	n/a
EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES	
ACTION REQUIRED	

3.3. DETAILS OF ANY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES PRESENT:	
HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	n/a
EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES	
ACTION REQUIRED	

3.4. HAZARDS FROM WORK PROCESSES - DETAILS INCLUDING ACTION TAKEN TO REDUCE THE RISK:	
HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	Cooking
EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES	Risk Assessments in place. New staff briefed on risk assessments and trained. Reinforcement of advice and supervision of clients. Induction hob purchased. Food Hygiene certification in place by two members of the team.
ACTION REQUIRED	New clients and support workers to be briefed.

3.5. STRUCTURAL HAZARDS:

HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	n/a
ACTION REQUIRED	

3.6. POTENTIAL FOR ARSON:

DETAILS	Passers-by may cause a potential for arson.
EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES	Building is locked and alarmed when not in use.
ACTION REQUIRED	This will be limited as we are not a direct road-side building and gates would require access.

4. MITIGATING THE EFFECTS OF FIRE

4.1. MEANS OF FIGHTING FIRE:

DETAILS	Blanket Extinguishers
MATTERS OF CONCERN	Staff/Volunteers are asked to not use the equipment themselves but refer to a Fire Officer who has receive training. Training is logged on the SCR.
ACTION REQUIRED	

4.2. MEANS FOR RESTRICTING FIRE SPREAD:

HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	Cooking
EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES	Fire-fighting equipment in place.
ACTION REQUIRED	

4.3. MEANS OF SEGREGATING AREAS OF HIGHER FIRE RISK:

HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	n/a
EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES	
ACTION REQUIRED	

5. HISTORY

HISTORY OF ANY PREVIOUS FIRES AFFECTING THE PREMISES:	
DETAILS	n/a
ACTION REQUIRED	Regular review.

6. FIRE DEVELOPMENT

CONSIDERING THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN SECTION 4 - 6 DESCRIBE THE MOST LIKELY WORSE CASE SCENARIO FIRE SITUATION TO BE ENCOUNTERED.
<p><i>Cooking fire.</i> <i>Smoking relate fire.</i></p>
ACTION REQUIRED TO PREVENT FIRE:
<p>The building is a no smoking zone and will remain so. A suitable smoking point has been identified.</p> <p>High staff: client ratio to be maintained.</p> <p>Fire-fighting equipment to be maintained.</p> <p>Adpro test the fire alarm every six months.</p> <p>Fire extinguishers tested and updated every year. This is recorded.</p>

7. IDENTIFYING PEOPLE AT RISK

7.1. IDENTIFY PEOPLE AT RISK	
DETAILS OF OCCUPANTS	Care Farm clients Care Farm staff team and volunteers. Care Farm visitors.
DETAILS OF ANY PERSONS CONSIDERED TO BE PARTICULARLY AT RISK E.G LONE WORKERS, VISITORS, PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, PEOPLE WHO MAY BE ASLEEP	Lone workers SEND clients/ Visitors Disabled persons Young people
ACTION REQUIRED	Risk assessments in place. Fire procedures in place. Accessible assembly point in place. High staff: client ratio at all times.

	High supervision levels.
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7.2. YOUNG PERSONS EMPLOYED TO WORK IN PREMISES:

DETAILS	Work Experience and Alternative Curriculum students.
ADDITIONAL ACTION REQUIRED	Written consent from parent/guardian for participation in farming activities. Risk assessments in place. Mandatory induction. High supervision levels.

8. RAISING THE ALARM

MEANS OF DETECTING & GIVING WARNING OF FIRE:

DETAILS	Alarm. Fire Officer.
MATTERS OF CONCERN	n/a
ACTION REQUIRED	n/a

9. ESCAPE ROUTES

9.1. ARE TRAVEL DISTANCES ACCEPTABLE AND CAN OCCUPANTS REACH A PLACE OF SAFETY BEFORE A FIRE OR SMOKE PREVENTS THEM DOING SO:

EXISTING PROVISION	Two fire exits points available. Assembly point identified clearly. Discussed at staff/volunteer/client induction.
MATTERS OF CONCERN	Random visitors
ACTION REQUIRED	

9.2. ESCAPE ROUTES AND EXITS AVAILABLE FOR OCCUPANTS:

EXISTING PROVISION	Two exits.
MATTERS OF CONCERN	n/a
ACTION REQUIRED	n/a

9.3. MEANS FOR ENSURING ESCAPE ROUTES CAN BE SAFELY USED DURING EVACUATION:

EXISTING PROVISION	Signage in place.
MATTERS OF CONCERN	All visitors and new clients/staff/volunteers to be briefed on the fire procedures.
ACTION REQUIRED	

10. EVACUATION PROCEDURES

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN:

EXISTING PROCEDURES	Exit via fire exit and attend the assembly point. Adhere to Fire Officer's instructions. Register to be taken outside and checked off. Wait for Fire Service agreement before re-entering the building. All actions to be recorded by the DCF Fire Officer asap.
MATTERS OF CONCERN	Recording of visitors if all staff/volunteers out in the fields and Admin Officer out of the office.
ACTION REQUIRED	Visitors to the Care Farm should only be in the classroom when accompanied by Care Farm staff/volunteers.

11. FIRE SAFETY MANAGEMENT

11.1. FIRE SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT:

DETAILS	Attached to risk assessment.
MATTERS OF CONCERN	None.
ACTION REQUIRED	To be reviewed annually.

11.2. FIRE SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN PLACE:

DETAILS	Fire Officers responsible for all fire procedures.
MATTERS OF CONCERN	All part-time hours
ACTION REQUIRED	All staff/volunteers are briefed on procedures at Induction.

11.3. PROCEDURES IN PLACE TO MONITOR AND REVIEW FIRE SAFETY PROCEDURES IN THE PREMISES:

DETAILS	Fire alarm practice to be held and recorded in fire log. Evacuation practice to be held once per year on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
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	All issues and times to be recorded in log book.
MATTERS OF CONCERN	None.
ACTION REQUIRED	

12. MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT

MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME FOR PREVENTITIVE & PROTECTIVE MEASURES:	
DETAILS	All equipment to be checked annually.
MATTERS OF CONCERN	
ACTION REQUIRED	Checked recorded in fire logbook

13. TRAINING

FIRE SAFETY TRAINING PROVIDED FOR RELEVANT PERSONS:	
DETAILS	Training to be provided as and when required. 3 members of staff undertook the Fire Warden training September 2020.
MATTERS OF CONCERN	Training course renewal due in 2023.
ACTION REQUIRED	Course to be booked asap.

14. RECORDS

RECORDS OF MAINTENANCE & TRAINING:	
DETAILS	Maintenance and Training records maintained by the Admin Officer.
MATTERS OF CONCERN	
ACTION REQUIRED	

15. CONCLUSIONS

CONCLUSION:
<p>Small building, low risk of fire. Regular reviewing to take place. Most of the Care Farm activities take place outdoors. Clients/visitors well supervised. Fire assembly point clearly labelled and visible. Fire procedures and location of fire equipment pointed out at Induction</p>
ACTION REQUIRED:
Annual monitoring.

16. ACTION PLAN

DEFICIENCY	REMEDIAL ACTION REQUIRED	TO BE COMPLETED BY DD/MM/YY	DATE COMPLETED DD/MM/YY	VERIFIED BY NAME
Fire Evacuations	Evacuations will be carried out once per year on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. To be facilitated by the Fire Officer.	31.12.23	31.12.23	MF
Training	The Fire Officer to undertake refresher training.	31.12.23		

17. ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

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Position.....Voluntary Director.....
Dated.....1.9.23.....