



Safety Guidelines Around Animals

Although many animals are domesticated, they can cause injury and should be treated with caution. The size and bulk of some animals make them potentially dangerous

Avoid accidents by:

- Avoiding quick movements or loud noises that may frighten animals
- No poking, teasing or imitate the sound the animal makes
- No standing behind animals as livestock tend to kick forward, then back
- Only patting the animal if the owner is present and gives permission
- Announcing your presence well in advance to avoid startling the animals
- Moving slowly and in single file around livestock. Cattle can see 360° without moving their heads. A quick movement from behind is just as likely to startle them as a movement from the front
- Allowing enough space between you and the animals to avoid being stepped on or kicked
- Understanding that most animals tend to be aggressive when protecting their young. Be extra careful around newborn animals
- Touching animals gently - don't push or shove