

ANR Cooperative Extension Risk Assessment

Risk Categories

4-H - Youth Injury Prevention & Safety

General Description: Risk associated with the need to ensure the safety and protection of children involved in 4-H activities. Risks identified range from preventing physical injury to avoiding exposure to alcohol and drugs (see also Risk: Safety clientele, Volunteers & Public)

Specific Examples:

A. Injury Prevention

1. 4-H youth injured in project activities with livestock, horses, etc.
2. Injury to kids during a 4-H event (broken bones, etc.).
3. Risk at the program/clientele interface, such as farm youth programs, summer camps, and working with heavy farming equipment.
4. The conditions at 4-H camp facilities and locations could endanger staff and children.
5. 4-H advisors take a risk by having volunteers in charge of some programs; e.g., horse shows, shooting sports, favorite food days.

B. Insurance and Legal Issues

1. Attitude toward safety is a risk; e.g., the typical response to safety issues is indifference ("It's ok, we have insurance").
2. Risk of accident/injury claims being sent directly to Hartford Insurance Company without any statement of the actual situation, validity, etc., from UC staff.
3. Risk of law suits from accidents in 4-H.

C. Alcohol and Drugs at 4-H Events (see also Risk: Safety in Program Delivery)

1. Older 4-H kids enticing younger ones to try drugs.
2. Youth exposed to alcohol, drugs, etc., under UCCE supervision.
3. Risk of person(s) getting injured at events such as the Junior Livestock Auction at County Fair because alcohol is promoted to "loosen up" buyers.
4. Having 4-H club members clean up and serve at wine-related events.