

ANR Cooperative Extension Risk Assessment Risk Categories

4-H – Volunteer Activities

General Description: **The activities, responsibilities and judgments of the volunteers involved in 4H can create uncontrolled risk (see also Risk: Volunteers – Managing Volunteers and 4-H – Volunteer & Community Reactions/Complaints)**

Specific Examples:

- A. Volunteers using poor judgment (language, discipline, substances, behavior) that negatively impacts youth.
- B. Volunteers passing on computer viruses to 4-H parents, participants, etc.
- C. 4-H volunteers failing to comply with policy.
- D. Irate 4-H volunteers/parents verbally/physically attacking staff and/or other parents/volunteers.
- E. The risk that 4-H advisors take by having volunteers in charge of some programs, such as horse shows, shooting sports, favorite food days, etc.
- F. Volunteers not understanding when an activity is officially a 4-H activity.
- G. 4-H families keeping their project animals on property of 4-H volunteer leaders.
- H. Risk of not having mechanisms for addressing problems of persons not formally in 4-H, e.g., lawsuits from a third party affected by 4-H volunteer's action.
- I. Risk of MGP and 4-H volunteers being unintentionally involved in conflicts of interest.