

## RISK ASSESSMENT FORM FOR HENNY PENNY HATCHING

Henny Penny Hatching practices a high standard of health and safety. Franchisees are trained in the importance of keeping cleanliness to an optimum. We use industrial strength disinfectants for the cleaning of all equipment associated with presentations. Equipment is electrically checked every six months. Eggs are sourced from an accredited commercial breeder of layer stock and are fumigated on site before hatching commences.

The program is delivered and set up with further verbal and written instructions supplied to the staff on the operation of all equipment provided with the presentation. It is the responsibility of the school to download further relevant information regarding the operation of the program from our website, [www.hennypennyhatching.com.au](http://www.hennypennyhatching.com.au).

<b>The Risk</b> <i>What can happen &amp; the result</i>	<b>Existing Controls</b>	<b>Additional Controls to Reduce Risks</b>
<p><b>Illness and infections</b> The presence of infectious materials could potentially cause severe illness or infection.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eggs fumigated to eliminate bacteria on shells</li> <li>• Dust has been extracted from wood shavings</li> <li>• All equipment sterilized between uses</li> <li>• Chicks hatched in fully enclosed dome</li> <li>• Chicks emerge with three weeks' natural immunity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children are advised to wash hands after holding chicks</li> <li>• Net provided to fully enclose brooding area and restrict unsupervised handling of chicks</li> </ul>
<p><b>Children dropping chicks through fright</b> Children tend to drop chicks when the chicks scratch or peck at their hands. Children may end up with scratched hands and chicks could potentially be hurt.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff are shown how to pick up a chick correctly (cup hands above and below the chick), minimizing scratching and pecking</li> <li>• Staff are required to instruct children on this method</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff instructed to ensure that children only hold chicks whilst sitting on the floor</li> <li>• Staff to ensure that chicks are not handled without supervision</li> <li>• Net provided to fully enclose brooding area and restrict unsupervised handling of chicks</li> </ul>
<p><b>Allergies: Nuts, eggs and fish</b> Any residue of these allergens, for example, on the chicks themselves, on the inside of the egg shells, or in the feed, could potentially cause a severe allergic reaction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed delivered in a covered bucket</li> <li>• Feed supplied is deemed by manufacturer to be free of nuts and fishmeal, although traces of these products could be present from machinery used for processing</li> <li>• Eggs hatch in completely enclosed dome</li> <li>• Staff responsible for removing chicks and disposing of egg shells</li> <li>• Children with allergies advised not to handle any materials which may cause allergic reaction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff advised to store feed bucket out of reach if allergies present amongst children</li> <li>• Those with allergies advised to use disposable gloves when handling chicks</li> <li>• Net provided to fully enclose brooding area and restrict unsupervised handling of chicks</li> <li>• Staff advised to ensure that brooding pen and hatcher are in an area which children cannot access without supervision</li> <li>• All participants advised to wash hands before and after handling chicks, feed or anything that has come into contact with chicks or feed, to avoid transfer of allergens</li> <li>• Written parental permission to be obtained before children with severe allergies participate in program</li> </ul>
<p><b>Flies and odours</b> Odours, which may attract flies, can occur as a result of damp wood shavings (bedding material) in the brooding pen or an accumulation of old egg shells in the hatcher.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructions given to staff, and provided on HPH website, to explain procedures to be followed, ensuring good hygiene</li> <li>• Staff responsible for removing and disposing of egg shells and any old, un-hatched eggs</li> <li>• Staff to ensure that wood shavings are kept clean and dry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bedding material to be aerated on a daily basis with rake provided, and any clumps of damp bedding to be removed.</li> </ul>