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REPTILE HANDLING

Safety Guide

Animal Care

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Key Benefits	Control Measures	Checklist Items

KEY BENEFITS

Education

Educates participants on reptile behavior, anatomy, and habitat conservation.

Appreciation

Encourages appreciation and respect for less common animals in ecosystems.

Fear Reduction

Reduces fear and misconceptions about reptiles through hands-on learning.

Skills Development

Develops fine motor skills and confidence in handling exotic animals safely.

KEY HAZARDS & CONTROL MEASURES

Venomous Bites

- ✔ Only trained staff handle venomous species
- ✔ Secure enclosures with double-locks
- ✔ Anti-venom location known
- ✔ Emergency protocol displayed

Salmonella Infection

- ✔ Hand washing mandatory after handling
- ✔ Hand sanitizer available
- ✔ No eating during handling sessions
- ✔ Under-5s excluded from handling

Non-venomous Bites

- ✔ Proper restraint techniques used
- ✔ Defensive postures recognized
- ✔ Reptile behavior monitored
- ✔ First aid kit available

Reptile Escapes

- ✔ Secure enclosures with proper locks
- ✔ Escape protocol established
- ✔ Handling in enclosed areas only
- ✔ Regular enclosure checks

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