



When working with both animals & children, Health & Safety is of paramount importance. Not just for the children, but all our clients; young and old and for our animals too.

All of the Tom's Talking Reptile team are extremely experienced and qualified in the animal handling field and will take every step to ensure your experience is safe and low risk.

Before the animal handling begins one of the team will explain the basic rules and provide anti-bacterial gel throughout the show to ensure **all hands are clean after each animal is handled.**

Snakes	Biting: All our snakes vary in size but they are all are non-venomous. Our animals are loving pets and handled regularly.
Risk: Biting	There is a risk of biting as with anything with a mouth!
Action:	If biting occurs one of the Tom's Talking Reptiles team will secure animal and seek medical assistance if needed.

Lizards	All our lizards vary in size but all our animals are loving pets and handled regularly.
Risk: Biting, scratching & tail whip	There is a risk of biting as with anything with a mouth. We give our lizards manicures so their claws aren't very sharp but as they use these to climb and hold on, sometimes minor scratches can occur.
Action:	Customers are instructed how to hold the animals and where to stroke the animal safely. If any risk occurs one of the Tom's Talking Reptiles team will secure animal and seek medical assistance if needed.

Tarantula	All our animals are loving pets and handled regularly.
Risk: Biting & irritating hairs	There is a risk of biting as with anything with a mouth. Customers are instructed how to hold the tarantula safely. After handling a tarantula, hands must be washed with soap and water due to the hairs.
Action:	If any risk occurs one of the Tom's Talking Reptiles team will secure animal and seek medical assistance if needed.

Emperor Scorpion	All our scorpions are loving pets and handled regularly and we have never been stung or pinched by them. The Emperor Scorpion's sting would be like a bee sting and nothing more (providing there is no allergy.)
Risk: Pinchers and tail sting	Customers are instructed how to hold the scorpion and how to allow it to wander safely.
Action:	If any risk occurs one of the Tom's Talking Reptiles team will secure animal and seek medical assistance if needed.

Frog/Toad	Frogs / toads will be kept in a secure container. The animals will be handled under the supervision of the experienced team members .
Risk: Escaping	Customers are instructed how to hold the frog/toad and how to allow it to wander safely.
Action:	If the animal escapes it will be caught by one of the Team.

Cockroaches	Cockroaches will be kept in a secure container. The animals will be handled under the supervision of the experienced team members.
Risk: Escaping	Customers are instructed how to hold the animals and how to allow it to wander safely.
Action:	If the animal escapes it will be caught by one of the Team.

Millipedes	Millipedes will be kept in a secure container. The animals will be handled under the supervision of the experienced team members .
Risk: Poisoning & Escaping	Millipedes can secrete a chemical along their back if they feel threatened. This can cause illness if ingested. Customers are instructed how to hold the animals and how to allow it to wander safely.
Action:	If the millipede does secrete this chemical then the participant affected must go and wash their hands immediately. The team will keep the millipede in a secure container and it will be handled under their supervision. If the millipede escapes it will be caught by one of the Team.

All animals are kept in secure boxes until ready to be handled, they are then returned to the secure boxes as soon as the animal handling for that animal has been completed. A member of the Tom's Talking Reptiles team will be in control of the animals at all times.

