

Possible Risks and Hazards – Learning Visits

We carry out risk assessments of our school workshops. This document is designed to support you to create your own risk assessment for your trip; it is by no means an exhaustive list.

We recommend that you take advantage of your free familiarisation visit to plan and assess your visit for your group.

Hazard	Precautions
Slip, trips and falls whilst walking over uneven ground on site or in the grounds, e.g. cobbles and flagstones.	Adequate supervision of group by responsible adults. Wear sensible shoes and walk at a reasonable pace. Avoid running on historic surfaces. First aid is available across the site.
Slips, trips and falls whilst walking up or down steps which may be smooth, uneven, unevenly spaced or visually difficult to see. This is especially important if you are doing a cave tour.	Adequate supervision of group by responsible adults. Hazard warning signs in place. Provision of edge protection where appropriate. First aid is available across the site.
Hitting head on low structures, e.g. archways.	Adequate supervision of group by responsible adults. Soft protective coverings where required. First aid is available across the site.
Trapping fingers in doors, e.g. toilet cubicle door, entry and exit to rooms and galleries.	Adequate supervision of group by responsible adults. First aid is available across the site.
Falls from height, for example by stretching over walls on the rock edge.	Adequate supervision of group by responsible adults. First aid is available across the site.
Contact with work equipment – Nottingham Castle is a working site and there may be some work going on during your visit.	Adequate supervision of group by responsible adults. Keys not left in mobile equipment. Tools not left unattended. Unauthorised areas locked shut and well signposted.
Burns from touching hot surfaces, for example light bulbs.	Adequate supervision of group by responsible adults. Explainers and volunteers invigilating. First aid is available across the site.
Health issues from animals and other wildlife around the grounds.	Adequate supervision of group by responsible adults. Washroom facilities provided. Wash hands prior to eating
Health issues due to hygiene.	Adequate supervision of group by responsible adults. Washroom facilities provided. Wash hands prior to eating advised in information pack.
Collision with motor vehicles and cyclists on Castle Road/Friar Lane and the Land Train.	Introductory talk at the start of activity. Adequate supervision of group by responsible adults. Speed limits in place. Groups met by Castle team.
Injuries from participation in planned education activities, events and workshops.	Risk assessment of activity, event or session carried out by Nottingham Castle. Introductory talk at the start of any Explainer-led activity.

