

# Help on Hazard Identification

This page suggests some of the hazards you may encounter on a visit to one of the sites around Hadrian's Wall and how you might control them. It is not a risk assessment. It will help you when completing your own risk assessment.

## Car parks

### HAZARD

Trips, slips and falls.  
Traffic on public highway and/or car park.

### ACTION

- Group must always be under adult supervision.
- Line group up at entrance.

## On Site - Inside buildings

### HAZARD

Trips, slips and falls.  
Children wandering off site.

### ACTION

- Group must always be under adult supervision.
- Hazards separated from public.

## On Site - Outside buildings

### HAZARD

Trips, slips and falls .  
Children wandering off site.  
Uneven ground/sudden drops.  
Staff working on site.  
Weather.

### ACTION

- Group must always be under adult supervision.
- Children must not climb on remains.
- Groups should use steps and marked paths.
- Groups should have suitable footwear and outdoor waterproof clothing.

## Workshops and led sessions

### HAZARD

Heavy/sharp objects being handled.

### ACTION

- Group must always be under adult supervision.
- Taught sessions led by qualified/experienced site staff.
- Some sessions may have risks to the activity (eg animal bone/sharp objects).
- Please ask staff beforehand.

## Remember:

A risk assessment is for a particular group on a particular visit. You will find that some assessments are common and can be used for future visits, perhaps with only minor changes. However, you should look for things that may have changed. You can then revise your assessment and precautions for different situations.

## Useful Resources:

### DfES

*Health and Safety of Pupils on Educational Visits* (1998)

and 3 supplements

*Standards for LEAs in Overseeing Educational Visits* (2002). [available at [www.teachernet.gov.uk/visits](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/visits)] or by phoning 0870 000 2288

### HSE

*5 Steps to Risk Assessment*

[available at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubs/raindex.htm>] or by phoning 08701 545500

### English Heritage

*Making Successful Visits to Historic Sites*

Available by phoning 01761 452966

