



Hazard Information for teachers

Bishop's and Earl's Palaces

The Bishop's and Earl's Palaces are situated in Kirkwall on the A960. The site consists of two adjoining buildings: the 16th-century Earl's palace, a substantial noble residence and the ruins of the Bishop's palace, dating from the 12th century.

It is the responsibility of teachers and group leaders to complete a risk assessment prior to any site visit with a group. This is a requirement of most education authorities. The following information is intended as a preparatory tool and does not replace a teacher's or group leader's own risk assessment.

Please be aware that changes in weather may affect the risks inherent in an outdoor site. Pupils should dress for outdoors.

For more information about hazards at the Bishop's and Earl's Palaces, or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the monument manager on **01856 871918**.



Potential hazards at Bishop's and Earl's Palaces

Pedestrian access to site

- Parking is on a quiet road adjoining the sites; be careful of traffic. No dedicated coach park.
- Take care when crossing lane between two sites in case of traffic.

External Hazards

- Wooden and stone steps and surfaces in both sites can become slippery in wet weather.

Internal Hazards

- Two steps down into kitchen in the Earl's Palace – trip hazard.
- Narrow and winding stairs in Bishop's Palace.