



Hazard Information for teachers

The Blackhouse, Arnol

The Blackhouse is situated in Arnol village, 11 miles north-west of Stornoway on the A858. The site consists of a traditional, fully furnished Lewis thatched house, with a barn, byre and stackyard attached. There is also a 1920s croft house and a ruined black house on site, together with a visitor centre.

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 Black House, or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the monument manager on **01851 710395**.



Potential hazards at The Blackhouse, Arnol

Pedestrian access to site

- Easy access from coach park but be careful of other moving cars.

External Hazards

- A main road runs through the middle of the site – risk from traffic.
- Ground underfoot relatively level.

Internal Hazards

- Uneven stone floor.
- Open hearth in the centre of the floor.
- Low doorways in both of the black houses.
- Low light levels.