



Hazard Information for teachers

Dundonald Castle

Dundonald Castle is situated in the village of Dundonald, on the A71, 12 miles from Ayr and five miles from Kilmarnock. The site consists of the ruins of a massive tower house with royal associations dating from the 14th century, 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 Dundonald, or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the monument manager on **01563 851489**.



Potential hazards at Dundonald Castle

Pedestrian access to site

- Risk from other moving traffic in the car park.
- If pupils are dropped off by coach, risk from moving traffic on road.
- Castle is on top of a small but steep hill reached via a path.

External Hazards

- Surfaces underfoot may become slippery in wet weather.
- Crags at edge of hill.
- Some uneven surfaces underfoot – trip risk.

Internal Hazards

- Spiral stair leads steeply to upper floor – level head for heights required.
- Low doorways in dungeon area.
- Low lighting levels in some areas.