



## Hazard Information for teachers

# Iona Abbey

Iona Abbey is situated on the island of Iona and is reached on the public ferry from Fionnphort on the Isle of Mull. The site consists of a restored ancient abbey and monastic buildings together with displays. It is a working church and a site of pilgrimage for many people today.

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 Iona Abbey, or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the monument manager on **01681 700512**.



### Potential hazards at Iona Abbey

#### Pedestrian access to site

- Only residents' vehicles allowed on the island.
- Risk from other moving vehicles in the car park at Fionnphort.
- Pupils must be closely supervised on the ferry.
- Abbey is a mile walk from the ferry pier on Iona.
- No shelter on the pier in poor weather.

#### External Hazards

- Some uneven surfaces in graveyard surrounding abbey.
- Grass and other surfaces may become slippery in wet weather.
- Some low foundations - trip risk.

#### Internal Hazards

- Some stairs in abbey church – well lit.
- Low doorways into Columba's shrine.
- Lighting generally good.