



Hazard Information for teachers

Jarlshof

Jarlshof is situated at Sumburgh Head, 22 miles south of Lerwick. The site spans many centuries and includes Bronze age houses, an Iron Age broch, Viking long houses, a medieval farmstead and a 16th-century laird's house.

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 Jarlshof, or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the monument manager on **01950 460112**.



Potential hazards at Jarlshof

Pedestrian access to site

- Risk from other moving traffic in the car park at Sumburgh hotel.
- Access to some of the wheel houses is narrow and down steps.

External Hazards

- Please do not let pupils clamber on walls – risk of falling and of wall collapse.
- Some unprotected drops into some wheel houses.
- Some uneven cobbled paths – trip risk.
- Some steep banks on site.
- Site is exposed and on the sea shore. Please supervise pupils at all times.
- Surfaces underfoot may become slippery in wet weather.

Internal Hazards

- Spiral metal stair to top of laird's hall.
- Wooden steps at change in levels on site.
- Steps up to wooden viewing platform.
- Stone quern for grinding grain in exhibition centre – take care not to trap fingers.
- Several low doorways.
- Natural light only.