



Hazard Information for teachers

Balvenie Castle

Balvenie Castle is situated in Dufftown on the A941. The site consists of a substantial ruined 13th century castle with a massive curtain wall.

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 Balvenie, or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the monument manager on **01340 820121**.



Potential hazards at Balvenie Castle

Pedestrian access to site

- No coach parking. Drop off point at the end of the road to the castle. Risk from other traffic coming to and from the castle.

External Hazards

- Uneven surfaces and low walls on pathways and courtyard – trip risk.
- Grass and stone slabs may become slippery in wet weather.
- Banks round dry ditch part of the way around castle.

Internal Hazards

- Narrow winding staircases. Take care when meeting people coming the opposite way.
- Uneven floors within castle – trip risk.
- Barriers across upper floor windows.
- Low doorways.