



Hazard Information for teachers

Dunstaffnage Castle

Dunstaffnage Castle is situated near Dunbeg three miles north of Oban off the A85. The site consists of an impressive if ruined castle with a huge curtain wall on top of a rock outcrop.

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 Dunstaffnage, or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the monument manager on **01631 562465**.



Potential hazards at Dunstaffnage Castle

Pedestrian access to site

- Risk from other moving traffic in the car park.
- Uneven steps up to castle.

External Hazards

- Wooden stair up to parapet may be slippery in wet weather.
- Parapet has low brickwork – keep pupils away from the edge.
- Drainage sections are uneven on parapet.
- Do not climb on the rock on which the castle is built, nor on the castle walls – risk of falling and of loose masonry.
- Banks around site are slippery.
- Beware of nearby pontoon, boats and water.

Internal Hazards

- Uneven floors underfoot in most areas – trip risk.
- Some low doorways.
- Light levels low on overcast days.
- Floors in toilet may be wet; heavy toilet doors; hot taps.