



Hazard Information for teachers

Edinburgh Castle

Edinburgh Castle is situated at the head of the Royal Mile in the heart of Edinburgh. The site consists of a number of buildings dating from the 1100s. It includes exhibition areas, shops and cafes as well as spectacular views.

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 Edinburgh Castle, or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the monument manager on **0131 225 9846**.



Potential hazards at Edinburgh Castle

Pedestrian access to site

- Risk from other traffic when boarding or leaving coach at drop off point.

External Hazards

- Cobbled paths around castle site can become slippery in wet weather.
- Sheer drops on other sides of wall from view points.
- No climbing on walls or cannons – fall risk.
- All low walls adequately fenced.
- Many uneven surfaces underfoot.
- Some steep grass slopes which can become slippery.

Internal Hazards

- Some low doorways.
- Steep dark stairs in some areas.