



Hazard Information for teachers

Melrose Abbey

Melrose Abbey is situated in Melrose off the A7/68. The site consists of a ruined abbey with access to a high bell tower and a small museum in the former Commendator'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 Melrose, or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the monument manager on **01896 822562**.



Potential hazards at Melrose Abbey

Pedestrian access to site

- Take care when crossing from the car park over the road to the abbey.

External Hazards

- Low walls and gravestones; uneven surfaces.
- Open drains and water ditch on side of site close to Commendator's house.
- Site split by walled-off road between abbey church and Commendator's house.

Internal Hazards

- Bell tower is reached by climbing 74 steps. Barriers at top of tower.
- Low doorways at top of bell tower and at entrance to sacristy.
- Grass and stone surfaces may become slippery in wet weather.