

Risk assessment information

The Museum's public galleries have been designed and are maintained as safe spaces for all our visiting public. Activities for schools are designed with full consideration of risks.

Risk assessments are completed for all new works and activities. In particular, please note:

- Any materials to be handled as part of workshops have been risk-assessed. Staff leading the activities will advise those taking part of any precautions and will ensure safe behaviour.
- Trip hazards are identified and isolated from access routes.
- In the galleries please ensure that pupils walk, take care in opening cases and do not climb on or lean over the railings in Gallery 3.
- The building has fire doors and is fitted with smoke and heat-sensing systems

that will trigger alarm systems to alert staff to the need for evacuation. Fire exits are clearly sign-posted and well-rehearsed evacuation procedures ensure visitors can safely and quickly exit the premises.

- Teachers (or other accompanying adults) remain responsible for the general health and safety of pupils as at school. Teachers (or other adults) should supervise groups at all times for their health and safety and to accompany them in the case of an evacuation.
- The Fire Assembly Point for schools is in the outdoor picnic area. Please ask a member of staff for assistance in locating this area if needed.
- The Front of House team is the first point of call for lost pupils, incidents and can contact a first aider if required.

For more information about risk assessments relating to group visits, to organise a pre-visit or to make any comment on this document, please contact Abbie Shaw at a.shaw@nhm.ac.uk or call 020 7942 6234.

