

Hazard Information for Teachers or Group leaders

It is the responsibility of teachers/group leaders to complete a risk assessment prior to any site visit with a group. This hazard information is not intended to replace a risk assessment but merely as a tool to aid preparation for a visit. It is suggested that teachers/ group leaders make use of our **free familiarisation visit** prior to bringing any groups.

Potential Hazards at Scottish Fisheries Museum

Pedestrian Access to site

There is a coach park next to the RNLI building on the opposite side of the road to the Museum. Care should be taken when crossing the road with a group.

Internal Hazards

One group of up to 75 (pre- booked) can be accommodated in the building at any one time. Please ensure that there are enough leaders, at the appropriate ratio of adults to children, to accompany the group, as due to the lay out of the museum a group this size would ideally be split in to 3 separate groups.

We recommend giving appropriate warnings in advance about not touching objects on open display unless encouraged to do so. This is not only for the protection and conservation of the objects but also for the safety of the visitors. For example, some items on display such as the fishing lines with hooks should not be touched as this could lead to injury. Information can be provided on particular areas of risk and full risk assessments of all items have been carried out by Museum staff.

The Museum is designed to allow access by wheelchair users so the flooring throughout the museum is ramped for wheelchair access. There are also in addition one internal and one external staircase and care should be taken when negotiating these. Please contact us in advance if you have questions regarding access or special requirements.

In the event of an emergency evacuation of the museum please follow the nearest fire exit signs and go to the assembly point in the car park of the RNLI - across the main road from the Museum. Again care should be taken when crossing the main road.

External Hazards

The museum courtyard houses a collection of such items as anchors, masts and nets. Care should be taken when crossing the courtyard to stay on the pathways to avoid slips and trips.

If you have any questions prior to your visit do not hesitate to contact us: tel. 01333-310628