

St Peter's Church, Lincolnshire

Hazard Information for Education Visits

It is the responsibility of teachers and group leaders to complete a risk assessment prior to the site visit. The following information is intended as an aid and does not replace the group leader's own risk assessment. We recommend coming to the site on a free planning visit, to help you with your risk assessment. Please note: where possible, English Heritage staff at the site will be happy to assist you with your queries, but cannot check or sign any section of your risk assessment.

Environmental conditions at historic sites may change rapidly and you will need to remain alert at all times during your visit. Most accidents are the result of slips and trips so please make sure you wear appropriate footwear and dress sensibly for the site and weather. Please be aware that the site may close at short notice due to adverse weather. Where applicable, stonework and trees at our sites are inspected regularly; however, extreme weather conditions can sometimes affect stonework and trees so as well as following any staff instructions and being mindful of temporary barriers and signage, please remain vigilant at all times. On-going conservation work may pose a temporary hazard; a member of staff will advise you of any works when you visit. Dogs on leashes may be present on site.

All learners who are 16 years or younger must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times whilst on site.

Moving vehicles may pose a hazard upon arrival.

- There is no dedicated coach or car park. Depending on where your group are dropped off, this may require you to cross a busy road and negotiate parked vehicles.

There are some potential hazards on approach to the site.

- Access is available by using the church path; this can be slippery when wet and there may be moss on it.
- The ground within the church precinct is grassed and can be slippery during and after rainfall. Where worn, these patches can be muddy.
- The surface of the church yard is uneven with potential rabbit holes which may pose a trip hazard.

The ancient condition of the church presents many hazards.

- Walls are rough and contain uneven and sharp stones. Ground surfaces inside the structure may be worn and uneven, and external paths where exposed to elements can be wet and slippery.
- Students must be supervised in all areas of the church.

St Peter's Church is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna.

- There are potentially harmful plants on site, including some with thorns that can irritate the skin.
- There are animals and birds on site and their droppings can present a zoonotic hazard. Visitors should wash their hands prior to eating.
- There may be bees and wasps present in the warmer months. Please be aware that stings and insect bites might occur.
- Please be aware that trees may drop branches in hot weather, windy weather or due to damage caused by fungus/squirrels etc. Trees are regularly inspected but care should be taken when passing under or near large trees.

Visitors on site.

- Please be aware that the church yard is a public right of way and so people will be using it as a pathway and meeting place.
- The site is open to the public and there may be other visitors on site.