



ENGLISH HERITAGE

## **Apsley House**

### *Hazard Information Sheet for Educational Groups*

It is the responsibility of teachers and group leaders to complete a risk assessment prior to any site visit being made. This is a requirement of most local 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 conditions at historic sites may change rapidly, and that you will need to remain alert at all times during your visit.

#### **General**

- The drop off point for coaches is immediately to the rear of the house on Park Lane. Hyde Park Corner is a very busy road, so great care must be taken when getting off the coach.
- The entrance is located in the forecourt. Occasionally, cars may drive into the forecourt area.

#### **House**

- The fire doors in the basement area are heavy and may swing shut if knocked.
- There are low lighting levels throughout the house to help conserve the fabric, objects and paintings.
- Windows and display cabinets throughout the house do not contain safety glass.
- Steps, stairs and floors may all be uneven.
- Wheelchair access to the house is limited. There are 7 steps up to the front door. In order to gain access to the lift in the house, which goes to the first floor, a further 9 steps must be descended. Do ensure that enough adults in your party are available to help with this procedure.
- If the fire alarm is activated, you are requested to follow the instructions from members of staff and make your way to the assembly point where a roll call will be made.

Ongoing conservation or maintenance work on site may cause additional temporary hazards. A member of staff will advise you of these when you make your planning visit.