



ENGLISH HERITAGE

Wellington Arch

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

- Coach drop off is either on Park Lane or on Apsley Way (facing Constitution Hill on the roundabout). Hyde Park Corner is a high traffic area and the Arch is surrounded by busy roads on all sides.
- Emergency and service vehicles drive onto the site and use the same route as pedestrians. Cyclists and horses also use the pedestrian pathway under the Arch.
- The fire alarm is not tested during "public hours" at any of our sites, therefore if the 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.

The Arch

- The visitors' entrance door is very low.
- There is a single lift which goes to the top of the Arch. It is small and can only accommodate a few people at one time.
- There is also a stone staircase which is quite steep and narrow and some steps may be uneven.

Viewing Galleries

- It can be quite windy at the top of the Arch on the exterior viewing galleries and in wet weather the floor can become slippery.
- The exterior viewing galleries are situated at approximately 60 feet above ground. Visitors are requested not to lean or climb on the ledges.

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.

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