

## HOUSESTEADS ROMAN FORT, NORTHUMBERLAND

### Risk Assessment for education led session

**Activity:** Murder at the Fort  
**Site:** Housesteads Roman Fort  
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#### Description and Notes

This risk assessment covers the Murder at the Fort Discovery Visit: It does not cover the walk from the coach/ car park to the site, this information can be found on the hazard information sheet.. The activity consists of a 1.5 Discovery Visit.

Activity Hazard	To Whom	Initial Risk S x L = R			Control Measures	Risk after controls		
		2	3	6		2	2	4
Sheep/ cattle excrement	Adults/Pupils/EH staff	2	3	6	Paths to be cleared where possible. Dangers of handling excrement explained. Groups to clean hands before eating.	2	2	4
Rabbit/ animal burrows	Adults/Pupils/EH staff	3	2	6	Regular pest control.	2	2	4
Uneven/wet ground and stones	Adults/Pupils/EH staff	3	2	6	Group told to wear sturdy shoes. Paths chosen across most even ground. Groups told to walk slowly and in pairs.	2	2	4
Sharpness and weight of artefacts	Adults/Pupils/EH staff	3	2	6	Artefacts to be viewed/handled on mats. Specific guidance given and children are not left unsupervised. Artefacts are not hazardous in themselves.	2	2	4
High walls	Adults/Pupils/EH staff	3	2	6	Group are warned and advised not to climb on high walls of the fort. Adult helpers asked to keep close eye on their groups.	2	2	4
Banners/sponges on sticks	Adults/Pupils/EH staff	2	2	4	Children who are given banners to carry are told not to prod other children with them or run whilst holding them. Also told not to leave them on the ground to prevent them being a trip hazard.	2	2	4

**Risk Assessment Score overall = 4**

## Risk Assessments for Discovery Visits

Risk assessments are worked out by identifying possible hazards and putting in place measures to significantly reduce the likelihood of the hazard occurring. Once this has been done a simple calculation which multiplies the hazard score for the activity by the chance of it happening gives a risk assessment score. A low score signifies little or no risk; a high score would indicate the activity is potentially dangerous.

### Hazard Severity:

1. No risk of injury
2. Slight risk (minor injury requiring first aid)
3. Moderate risk (injury resulting in 3 days off work/school)
4. High risk (resulting in a major injury)
5. Very high risk (causing death or serious injury to an individual)
6. Extremely high risk (causing multiple deaths and widespread destruction)

### *Multiplied by*

### Likelihood of Occurrence:

1. Not likely (only under freak conditions)
2. Possible (if other factors are present)
3. Quite possible (if other factors precipitate it)
4. Likely (with other factors or carelessness)
5. Very likely (an accident waiting to happen)
6. Certain

**Risk factor of 8 or less:** Any activity that scores 8 or under has an acceptable risk factor.

**Risk factor between 8 and 12:** Any activity scoring between 8 and 12 has a level of risk that may be tolerable but measures must be taken to reduce the risk.

**Risk factor of 13 or more:** Any activity scoring 13 or more has an unacceptable risk and shouldn't be done.

The numerical scale used is to allow comparisons of risk levels only. No literal meaning is implied by the scoring level.

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