

Wellington Arch, London

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 and while on the site.

- Coach drop off is on Park Lane. Coaches must not park on Apsley Way. 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.

There are a number of hazards inside Wellington Arch which could pose a risk.

- 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 a time.
- There is also a stone staircase which is quite steep and narrow. Some steps may be uneven.

The viewing galleries are at height and exposed to the elements.

- It can be 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.