

Risk Assessment at the Museum of East Anglian Life

As a destination for a school visit, the museum has the advantage of being a large, safe site. There are, nevertheless, minor risks and hazards pertaining to an outdoor venue, which should be considered by teachers before visiting. The table lists some potential risks to school parties and is intended to help teachers to compile their own risk assessment.

We suggest that a pre-visit (free of charge) should be made to familiarise teachers with the site. It is important that the person or persons conducting the pre-visit attend with the subsequent visiting group since they will clearly understand best any risks specific to members of their party.

It is a condition of booking and an LEA requirement that a proper risk assessment and pre-visit be carried out by a responsible person from the school prior to any Educational visit. Nothing in this document mitigates against this duty or responsibility.

Potential risks and hazards at the Museum

Area	Comments
Home Close	
The Car Park	Uneven surface, moving vehicles
Tourist Information Centre (admissions/shop)	Doors, other visitors
Abbots Hall Barn	Uneven floor
Travellers Exhibition	Shingle surface
Domestic and Working Life Buildings	Threshold steps
Farming Year Exhibition	Uneven ground
The Industrial and Farm areas	
Crowe Lane and the Woodland Walk	Muddy after rain, steps
Edgar's Farmhouse	Thresholds, mud floor
Grundisburgh Blacksmith Shop	High step
Boby Building	High threshold, steep metal stairs
Mortlock Building	Possible oil or water on floor
Bone Building	Modern building, level access
Adventure Play Area	Bark pit, normal play risks
Historic Hamlet and Nature Trail	
The Wind Pump	Fenced area, no access into wind pump
Kitchen and Victorian Privy	Steep brick steps
Alton Watermill	Steep threshold steps, slippery after rain
Great Moulton Chapel	Access steps grills
Cart Lodge	Unlit
Riverside Walk and Nature Trail	Water hazards, muddy after rain
Animals	Transmittable diseases, biting and butting