

GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT – Visits by Groups of Young Persons

This risk assessment does not represent an assessment by Muncaster Visitor Management for your visit to Muncaster Castle. It will, however, assist you in the development of your own assessment by providing indications as to areas of risk and the levels of support that Muncaster staff can provide for you.

THIS IS NOT A DEFINITIVE DOCUMENT.

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HAZARD	THOSE AT RISK	IS THE RISK ADEQUATELY CONTROLLED?	RISK/PROBABILITY	WHAT FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED TO CONTROL RISK?
Insufficient Supervision	Young Persons	None provided by Muncaster Visitor Management	High/Low	All visiting parties must comply with their own organisations Supervision Ratios.
Emergency Evacuations of Premises and/or Grounds	All Visitors	Full Evacuations plans in place. Muncaster Staff will direct actions needed	Medium/Low	All Visitors to follow directions given by staff
Missing/Lost/Separated Young Persons	Young Persons	Muncaster staff will co-ordinate and assist with search.	High/Medium	Close supervision required by Adults with party. Young Persons not to be left alone. Regular Head Counts Alert Muncaster Staff/Police if required

<p>Interference from members of the public</p>	<p>Young Persons</p>	<p>Muncaster staff aware of need to identify suspicious behaviour on part of visitors.</p> <p>Unacceptable behaviour by visitors will be challenged by appropriate staff members.</p>	<p>High/Low</p>	<p>Close Supervision by Group Staff</p> <p>Young persons not to be left alone</p>
<p>Slips/Trips/Falls</p>	<p>All Visitors</p>	<p>First Aid Facilities and Trained Staff throughout the site.</p> <p>Plans of recognised routes are available</p>	<p>Medium/Medium</p>	<p>Group Staff to ensure young persons Activity is relevant to terrain.</p> <p>Ensure suitable footwear is worn</p> <p>Keep less able/fit young persons from wilder parts of Estate.</p>
<p>General Medical Emergency (inc. Bites and Stings)</p>	<p>All Visitors</p>	<p>First Aid Facilities and Trained Staff throughout site.</p> <p>Staff have radio contact with Reception</p> <p>Site transport available</p>	<p>Medium/Low</p>	<p>Group Staff to be aware of any medical conditions of Young Persons and the needs for any medicants that the young person may need.</p>
<p>Drowning</p>	<p>All Visitors</p>	<p>Shallower Water courses and ponds are not protected</p> <p>Duck pond has perimeter fence</p>	<p>High/Low</p>	<p>Direct Supervision by group staff to give extra care when near water features.</p> <p>Stay on marked paths/Routes</p> <p>Do not cross barrier fencing</p>

Infections from Water	All Visitors	Visiting Groups made aware of fact that there are natural watercourses on site	High/Low	<p>All open wounds to be covered with waterproof dressing</p> <p>Keep Young Persons out of the water</p> <p>Ensure Young Persons wash hands before eating.</p>
Poisoning from Plants	All Visitors	<p>Grounds staff aware of locations of cultivated plants that are poisonous or may cause irritation.</p> <p>No control over wild growth</p>	High/Low	<p>Warn Young Persons not to touch plants or place any in their mouth.</p> <p>Wash hands before eating.</p>
Extremes of Weather	All Visitors	Indoor shelter available	Medium/Medium	<p>All Young persons to have clothing suitable to weather conditions and any likely changes thereto.</p> <p>Use of sun creams where appropriate and permissible.</p>
Failure of Site Equipment	All Visitors	Muncaster Visitor Management has a full regime of inspection and testing	High/Low	Group Leaders should ensure Young persons abide by any instructions give in relation to use of facilities on site.