



Risk Assessment for schools – German Naval Signals HQ.

This is intended to be a guide only and teachers are strongly recommended to visit the site and conduct their own assessments, based on their students.

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Hazards:

1. STEPS: there are two flights of stairs to access this underground bunker. The lower stairwell can be dark and slippery when wet. Go slowly to allow eyes to adjust to the change in light. Danger of tripping.
2. RAISED THRESHOLDS: there are tiny steps at the threshold of each room. Danger of tripping.
3. LOW DOORWAYS: taller visitors may have to 'duck'. Danger of bumping heads.
4. HEAVY DOORS: the doors between rooms are extremely heavy and must not be moved. Danger of cutting/losing fingers.
5. PHONES: there is hardly any mobile phone signal inside the bunker. Ask a member of staff if you need to make a phonecall. Danger of missing calls in an emergency.
6. WALLS: visitors must walk in the middle of the corridors as there are ventilation panels, hooks and other objects on the walls. Danger of catching fingers or clothes.
7. OVERCROWDING: the Salle Publique limit for the entire network is 60 but group visits are limited to about 20 at a time. School groups can be arranged out-of-hours. Opening hours in 2022 are 12.30-16.30.

Action Taken:

- School groups are advised to visit the site beforehand to create their own risk assessment.
- School groups are requested to book and usually have sole-use of the site, with a guided tour.
- School groups are advised to warn the children beforehand about the risks.
- The Visitor Attendant on duty is trained in First Aid and evacuation procedures.

NB The German Naval Signals HQ complies with the requirements of the 'Salle Publique' law which sets the criteria for premises open to public access.