



Risk Assessment for schools – Castle Cornet.

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:

General

- Uneven surfaces, steps and cracked paving throughout the Castle – risk of slipping and tripping (especially when wet, take extra care)
- High walls and areas which could lead to sheer drops – risk of falling.
- All visitors are strictly forbidden from climbing walls or sitting in embrasures (the gaps where the cannon are).

Specific areas to be aware of:

- Noon day gun platform – **do not go here**. There is a low wall and no handrail – risk of falling down a sheer drop to the beach.
- Entrance to Castle is via a pier, which is exposed to winds and waves at high tide – risk of getting wet or knocked over.
- Smooth surface outside Keepers' office, slippery when wet.
- Uneven and deep first step leading down to Lambert's Garden – tripping, falling hazard.
- Walkway overlooking Lambert's Garden – high drop with no handrail.
- Openings in wall at gun positions easily accessed by small children – risk of falling.
- Objects falling through portcullis housing (may be dropped by children) – head injury risk
- No ceiling in Prisoners Walk – risk of people dropping things down from above.
- Dark area inside the RGLI Museum – watch out for the step on entry.

Action to be taken:

- Children and young people must be supervised at all times by responsible adults who are familiar with the risks. We recommend small groups with supervising adults.
- Castle Cornet complies with the requirements of the 'Salle Publique' law which sets the criteria for premises open to public access.

School Groups

- School groups are advised to check the tide tables when booking.
- Guidelines for schools have been produced – please enquire if you'd like these.
- We can arrange a member of staff to host school tours and themed visits - again, please enquire.
- Staff members are trained in First Aid and evacuation procedures.