



Risk Assessment Report

After conducting an inspection of the premises on Friday, 25 February 2005, the following risks were identified:

1 Slippery surfaces

Every effort is taken to minimise risks created from slippery surfaces. Some pathways leading to the gardens are on a slight gradient, therefore caution is recommended in bad weather. In inclement weather action is taken to grit pathways, sweep away debris, and mop up water in toilets etc. Although care is taken to make areas as safe as possible, visitors should be cautious of slipping on fallen leaves. Steps leading from the museum to the garden are high-lighted with white lines and a hand rail is available.

2 Ceilings & stairs

Some ceilings on the top floor of the museum are quite low; however visitors are warned in advance by clear signage in the area. The museum is situated on three floors, and due to the medieval age and listed status of the building, therefore are no lifts, therefore disabled access is limited.

3 Maintenance of the play areas

The children's play areas are checked daily and monitored for any potential hazards. Teachers are asked to supervise school groups as they play in these areas. A tarmac gravel path leads to the children's play area, and it is advisable that children do not run down this slight incline - warning signage is clearly marked.

4 Dogs on site

Small dogs are allowed on site, provided that they are under control and kept on a lead at all times. They are not permitted to enter the children's play area.

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