

RISK ASSESSMENT for Educational Activities and Field Trips

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Assessor CF/JL

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ACTIVITY A4 Crabbing on the beach	DATE	LOCATION Dell Quay, Itchenor or Snowhill Creek
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Potential Hazards	People at Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Risk	Control Measures	Further action
Tripping hazards, uneven ground, larger rocks/boulders	Students and staff	2	2	4	Advice given prior to going on the beach. Extra care and adult supervision with SEN groups.	
Wet and slippery terrain within the inter-tidal zone (especially the seaweed)	Students and staff	3	2	6	Advice given prior to activity and extra supervision taken for vulnerable students and SEN groups.	
Dangerous items on beach: broken glass, syringes etc.	Students and staff	3	4	12	Warning prior to activity and adults continuously looking out for such items and either removing them (without endangering themselves) or highlighting to everyone that that area is 'out of bounds'. First aid kits always available	Consider use of a 'sharps' container for removing dangerous objects.
Slipping or getting stranded in the mud	Students and staff	3	4	12	Warning prior to activity about the dangers of mud and procedures to take if anyone becomes stuck (i.e. lie down in the mud and not to panic). Mobile phone available to call mud rescue team. Boundaries set prior to the task.	
A large boulder/rock falling on a student's hand, foot etc.	Students and staff	3	2	6	When discussing where and how to find crabs, explain how to replace rocks without injuring themselves or any living creatures if appropriate.	
Being 'nipped' by a crab!	Students	3	2	6	Care advised in briefing. First aid kits always available.	
Contact with contamination in water or on beach	Students & staff	3	2	6	Advised to wash hands after activity, especially before eating. Open cuts should be covered.	