

**RISK ASSESSMENT for Educational Activities and Field Trips**

Date of assessment April 2008

Review date: March 2009

Assessor

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ACTIVITY <b>S9</b> Field work at East Head		DATE			LOCATION East Head	
Potential Hazards	People at Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Risk	Control Measures	Further action
Traffic in car park	Pupils, teachers, CHC staff	2	2	4	Slow moving traffic. Supervising staff to be aware.	
Use of field equipment, e.g. ranging poles	Pupils and helpers	3	2	6	CHC staff to explain or demonstrate correct techniques for use and carrying of equipment, and warn of potential danger.	
Dangerous currents/tidal flows – danger of drowning	Pupils, staff	3	4	12	Activities are shore based and students advised not to enter water. CHC staff carry throwing lines and mobile phones.	
Cut off by tide	all	2	3	6	Tide times checked before planning activity	
Hypothermia	all	3	3	9	Teachers briefed in advance on the need for warm, windproof clothing. CHC staff to find sheltered spots where possible!	
Exposure to sun	all	3	3	9	All advised on use of hats & sunscreen.	
Food contamination	pupils	2	2	4	Hand washing recommended before eating picnics	
Hazardous objects found on beach	Students	2	2	4	Can be mentioned in safety briefing, although beach usually fairly clean.	
Sand – wind blown or thrown, or kicked	All – irritant to eyes	3	3	6	Eye wash carried in first aid kits. Pupils advised not to disturb sand unduly especially if windy.	
Sand slopes – “avalanche” danger to people.	pupils	2	2	4	Pupils to be warned of danger if working near a steep slope and advised not to climb dune faces. Also destructive to landscape.	
Sea spurge & plants in general	all	2	2	4	Sea Spurge sap can be an irritant especially in sunshine. Other plants may also be irritant or poisonous, so group warned not to pick vegetation unless specifically advised.	
Steep drops from some groynes & sea walls	Pupils, adult visitors	2	4	8	Group warned if near an edge. Supervision of pupils.	