



## ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT RECORD

WORK AREA /WORK ACTIVITY COVERED BY ASSESSMENT **Dinosaur Isle - Field trip to Shanklin beach**

PERSONNEL INVOLVED: Dinosaur Isle staff acting as guides

NON-EMPLOYEES AFFECTED: School children, teachers and non-teaching staff; Dinosaur Isle volunteers and work experience students.

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Item No	Hazards Identified	Risks Identified	Existing Precautions	Remedial Action	Priority for Remedial Action
1	Cliffs.	Being hit by falling rock.	Teachers must ensure their group keep well away (at least 10 metres) from cliffs.	Monitor throughout	
2	Tides.	Getting washed away.	Only visit at a suitable time. Instruct group to avoid the sea. Teachers should headcount at the start and end of trip.		
3	Flotsam and jetsam.	Poisoning, explosion, laceration.	Children must alert an adult if they see any suspicious objects or containers.		
4	Large rocks.	Dropping rocks on toes. Tripping over rocks.	Prevent children lifting heavy rocks. Tell them not to run and to watch where they walk.		
5	Rock splinters.	Being injured by splinters of rock.	Dinosaur Isle staff will use hammers only when necessary. The children must stand back while this takes place.		
6	Dog faeces.	Transfer of pathogens to children.	Warn group to watch out for it. Wash hands after beach visit.		
7	Strong sun.	Getting dehydrated and sun burnt.	Teachers must ensure their group has water and are wearing suitable clothing, caps and sun block if necessary.		
8	Heavy rain.	Getting wet and cold.	Teachers must ensure the group has warm waterproof clothing. School trips will not run in very heavy rain.		
9	Groynes.	Falls caused by climbing over groynes.	Care must be taken, if climbing over groynes is necessary.		
10	Slips, trips and falls on the beach.	Slipping on the access ramp, sand or wet rock.	The beach is a public area and falls can only be avoided by supervision and care. Children should be told not to run.		

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**Site name:** Shanklin Beach.

**Location:** Southern end of Sandown Bay, Isle of Wight. Grid Ref: SZ 586812 - 585805

**Amenities:** Toilets on the Esplanade; the block at the northern end near Hope Road is open all year, toilets near Shanklin Chine and the Lift are open during the summer.

**Access:** Parties may be dropped off at the end of the seafront road. The beach is reached via a concrete slipway. Coaches may park nearby.

**Description:** The sand and shingle beach is best visited on a low or falling tide, preferably not less than three hours before high tide and not less than two hours after high tide. This is because the beach is crossed by numerous wooden groynes.

**Geological Interest:** Lower Cretaceous marine strata comprising sandstones belonging to the Lower Greensand. The sequence is rich in fossils, including fossil wood, bivalves and gastropods. These can be collected loose on the beach shingle without needing to approach the cliffs.