

## Segedunum 'Life in the Fort' Hazard Identification. Updated September 2025

Please note:

- This is **not** a risk assessment. As stated in the Department of Education's 'Safe Keeping' publication, "the group leader should carry out a risk assessment".
- In the case of an emergency, please contact a member of staff
- North East Museums highly recommends that group leaders conduct preliminary visits
- Group leaders should take the behaviour and ability of their group into consideration when compiling a risk assessment
- It is the responsibility of the group leader to monitor the behaviour and safety of their group

This Hazard Identification highlights the everyday risks that groups may incur. Please telephone Segedunum Roman Fort & Museum on (0191) 277 1499 to enquire about possible building work taking place or hazards in temporary exhibitions.

| Hazard Identification                                                                                                    | Risk and to whom                                                                                                                                                                    | Existing control measures set up by North East Museums                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Further action to be taken by the school / group leader (add own comments)                                                              |
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| <p>Adult trying on full replica kit which includes ring mail suit and is extremely heavy, (about a stone in weight).</p> | <p>Aggravation of any existing health problems by the extra weight.</p> <p>Dizziness or fainting due to the heat or weight.</p> <p>Dropping equipment onto parts of their body.</p> | <p>The adult is asked about any significant health problems that would be aggravated by putting on heavy suit. If there is a problem, then either someone else free of problems takes on the task or the dressing up is limited to what is safe – soft kit only if necessary.</p> <p>The time when the adult is wearing the full kit is limited to 5 minutes max.</p> <p>Adjustments are made in response to the room being hot – the window can open and there is a fan. The kit can be removed quickly.</p> <p>The adult is assisted by the facilitator and advised during the dressing up process.</p> <p>The facilitator supervises and assists the removal of</p> | <p>Nominate appropriate adult to try on equipment.</p> <p>Notify facilitator of any health issues or discomfort when trying on kit.</p> |

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|                                               |                                                                                          | <p>the sword, dagger, armour and helmet.</p> <p>The dagger scabbard has a leather cover to prevent injury to the person if it is dropped.</p> |                                |
| Children handling replica soldier equipment   | <p>Dropping equipment onto parts of their body</p> <p>Injury from weight of objects</p>  | <p>Split into small groups</p> <p>Advice given to supervising adults and children on safe handling of equipment</p>                           | Adult supervision at all times |
| Drill practice with wooden spears and shields | <p>Knocks from shields and spears</p> <p>Dropping equipment onto parts of their body</p> | <p>Split into smaller groups</p> <p>Ensuring sufficient space to work</p> <p>Advice given on safe handling</p>                                | Adult supervision at all times |
| Handling artefacts                            | Dropping objects on parts of their body                                                  | Advice given by facilitator on safe handling                                                                                                  | Adult supervision at all times |