

Segedunum 'Roman Life Learning Tour' 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)
Low walls and loose stones and rubble on the fort site and across the road	Tripping over walls or loose stones, causing injury to parts of the body.	Children are told to be careful and to watch where they are walking. The group always follows the path of the facilitator and walk in single or double file.	Adult supervision at all times. Make sure children wear sensible outdoor footwear/wellies.
Wet and muddy conditions in bad weather	Slipping over and causing injury to parts of the body.	Children are told to be careful and to watch where they are walking and not to run. The group always follows the path of the facilitator and walk in single or double file.	Adult supervision at all times. Make sure children wear sensible outdoor clothing and footwear/wellies.
Children handling replica equipment/artefacts	Dropping objects on parts of their body.	Advice given by facilitator on safe handling.	Adult supervision at all times
Crossing a busy road	Cars colliding with children. Children running out into the road.	The facilitator instructs the group to wait sensibly at the crossing until it is	Adult supervision at all times. One adult to stand in middle of road to ensure group gets across the road safely whilst

		green and the group then walks sensibly across.	others help to supervise children crossing the road
Roman/Celt battle training on/by the replica Hadrian's wall section	Slipping/tripping up or down the metal stairs of the wall resulting in injury. Falling off the high wall platform. Grazing arms on wall by throwing balls. Injury from plastic ball.	The facilitator will instruct the group to be sensible when climbing to the top of the wall and to walks up/down carefully in single file holding onto the handrail. The facilitator will instruct the group to keep their feet firmly on the wall platform and not to climb or lean over the wall. Children are told to spread out along the wall platform with small groups of two or three in each crenulation. The children are told to listen at all times. The balls are made from a very soft and lightweight plastic.	Adult supervision at all times. At least one adult will be expected to supervise the children on the top of the replica section of Hadrian's Wall.