

## Segedunum Roman Fort & Museum 'Prehistoric Pottery' 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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| Making prehistoric pots | Low risk of materials (clay) causing allergy                                                                                    | Facilitator needs to be made aware in advance if any child has an allergy to clay and will offer alternatives to use instead                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | School to advise of any known allergies children might have to using clay  |
|                         | Low risk of eating clay material                                                                                                | Facilitator will provide clear instructions on how to work with clay and will ensure that no one tries to eat it                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | School staff to help supervise during the session                          |
|                         | Low risk of grazes or injuries from tools and natural materials (pine cones, stones, shells etc) used to make and decorate pots | <p>The children will use wooden tools to make and decorate their pots.</p> <p>Facilitator will ensure that all activities are fully described to children and teachers with health and safety guidance given on how to use wooden tools and natural materials safely to minimise risk (for instance children will be told to keep them away from their eyes).</p> |                                                                            |