



Peterborough Cathedral Visits & Education Department



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School visit to Peterborough Cathedral
Dean and chapter of Peterborough Cathedral

Likelihood & Severity 1-5 (1 least likely 5 most likely)

Potential risk	Who is at risk	Likelihood	Severity	Risk score	Action	By whom	Likelihood after action	Impact after action	Risk score
Currently there are metal fences surrounding the front of the Cathedral as building work is being completed. The may be a climb risk but are all attached to one another and secured. There will on occasion be some gaps in the fencing to admit works vehicles.	children	2	3	med	Children supervised by adults accompanying the group to make sure children are kept away from the fencing at all times.	School staff	1	2	Low
The entrance to the Cathedral is at present at the North side of the Cathedral and means school parties walking along the path towards the entrance. There is potential hazard if children were to leave the path and climb on to grave stones or trees.	children	2	2	low	Staff supervision of children as they walk around the building.	School staff	1	1	Low
Uneven floors both inside and outside the Cathedral. Some areas, especially outside are stone slabs and can be very uneven and a risk of tripping.	All	2	1	Low	Inform adults and children when they arrive.	MT or visit coordinator	1	1	Low
Heaters in the Cathedral. These are positioned around the aisles in the cathedral. They are very hot and have a railing around them. This does have a gap that can be navigated by small children.	Smaller children	2	3	Low	Inform adults and children when they arrive.	MT or visit coordinator	1	1	Low
There are numerous plug points around the Cathedral.	All	1	3	Low	Inform adults and children and say not to use.	MT or visit coordinator	1	2	Low
Some areas around the Cathedral	All	2	2	Low	Warn children and staff in the danger	MT or visit	1	1	Low

afford the children chance to climb to a low level.					and say to keep to the floor.	coordinator			
Free standing display boards or candlesticks. There are a number of free standing objects that are clearly visible but not entirely stable.	All	2	1	Low	Adults aware so that they can inform and safeguard the children.	MT or visit coordinator	1	1	Low
Toilets - the toilets outside the south transept are public access and therefore staff need to be aware. (the toilets adjoining the Education centre are not public access and can be accessed from the education centre.	children	1	1	Low	Staff to accompany children to the toilets outside the south transept. 1	School staff	1	1	Low
Traffic – walking around the cathedral grounds and especially the north side, east end and between the south transept exit and the education centre, traffic is moving in and out of the grounds.	All	2	3	Med	Staff to keep children to the paths and or out of the way of passing traffic.	School staff	1	2	Low
Cloisters – exits may be unlocked at times and this gives public access and children could exit. The concrete well head can be a climbing hazard.	Children	2	2	Low	Staff will need to supervise the children for their safety and security as well as behaviour with respect to others using the cloisters.	School staff	1	1	Low
The door to the education centre is heavy and can close with the wind.	All	2	2	Low	Staff (cathedral) to secure the door with hook provided when schools attend.	Cathedral Staff	1	1	Low
There are a couple of steps in the education centre, (leaving the toilets and entering the far end of the classroom). These could be trip hazards.	All	2	2	Low	Pointed out to visitors by cathedral staff. School staff to monitor children.	Cathedral staff	1	1	Low
Some historical resources could be dangerous.	Children	2	3	Low	Cathedral staff to monitor all use of these resources.	Cathedral staff	1	2	Low

When children need to use the toilets on site they should be accompanied by a member of staff or adult from their school party as the toilets have public access and are not secured. It is also advisable for all visit coordinators to make a pre-visit to look for specific issues for their party.