

TOWNSEND CENTRE HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT



Activity: Swanage sea defences (Swanage beach to Sheps Hollow)	No: SSA13	Assessor:	Date:	Location: Swanage Beach	Centre or school led: Centre
Hazard		Control Measures			Who's affected?
Throwing stones	Pupils warned of hazards, and to avoid during structured activity.			P, CS, SS, Pub	
Drowning	Pupils not allowed to swim. Buoyancy aids available on beach. Coastguard and lifeboat based in Swanage. Pupils not allowed near the sea when storm waves are present. Tide and weather information available at Centre.			P	
Slipping / falling off groynes	Pupils not allowed to play on groynes or walk out on them.			P	
Glass, sharp objects, dog mess on the beach	Pupils should be made aware of hazards on the beach.			P	
Road crossing along sea front (needed for toilets, ice-creams)	Note that the seafront road between the Mowlem Theatre and the Clock Tower is only closed to traffic between 10am-9pm, May to October. Ensure supervised, organised crossing. See Generic RA Road Crossing			P	
Cliffs between Ocean Bay (opposite Shore House Residential Home) and Sheps Hollow (end of groynes). These cliffs are prone to slipping in winter.	This section should not be attempted after a period of heavy rainfall particularly where recent slips are already present. Under no circumstance should these cliffs be climbed - even on the undercliffs. Make sure there is an escape route if there is a cliff fall i.e. steps leading to the beach. Do not attempt at high tide in winter when again there are signs of recently active slips. Careful of drop to beach - wall has no guard rail			P, CS, SS	
Getting onto beach where sea wall ends	Supervise and assist pupils getting down onto beach where the sea wall ends, often quite slippery. Again, assess conditions and avoid if wet or very high tides.			P, SS	

Cliff falls on north beach where there is no sea wall	Do not take pupils to the base of the cliff. Keep a safe distance away. Check tides as there is no alternative escape route in this section. Tides can be very high, and party could be cut off by the sea.	All
Falling off the sea wall (in places there is no guard rail to protect walkers) - onto person on beach!!!	Pupils should not be allowed to walk near the edge of the wall where there is no guard rail. Strict supervision on this section.	P, Pub
Losing member of group	Carry out regular head counts - follow missing persons procedures (see generic risk assessments: other)	Pupils

Signature of Head of Centre/Staff:

Date of Review:

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