



Health and Safety Guidelines for School Visits

We hope that you have an enjoyable and worthwhile trip to the Country Park. We have identified the main hazards that could affect your visit and we ask that you co-operate fully with us to ensure the smooth running of your trip. We would always recommend that teachers visit the museum prior to an intended visit so that they can assess risks for themselves. The site is situated on an old industrial site with un-even pathways, floors and steps, steep gradients, slippery surfaces, drains, ditches and deep water tanks. Whilst we have taken every precaution to ensure the safety of yourself and your students the very nature of the site makes it important you follow some simple guidelines. Please study the guidelines below and feel free to contact us if you have any concerns or feedback.

General Safety Measures

- Please follow all directional signs around the site.
- It is important that the children wear clothing and footwear suitable for an outdoor museum.
- It is important that children keep to designated paths and do not climb walls, buildings or machinery.
- School staff are responsible for the supervision, welfare and behaviour of children at all times. Adult leaders should be aware of specific medical or behavioural conditions affecting group members.
- It is the lead teacher's responsibility to ensure that staff and children are fully briefed.
- Staff and children are divided into small groups to explore the site.
- All adult leaders should carry a list of the children in their group, and a comprehensive list of all staff and children present at the Country Park from their school.
- Country Park staff are trained in on-site emergency procedures
- Trained first-aiders can be found in the Shop and/or the Offices.
- Children should be supervised by accompanying adults when purchasing goods from the museum shop. School bags should be left in the classroom and not be brought into the museum shop.
- Children must be supervised in the school room by accompanying adults at all times.
- Children should be encouraged to walk through buildings and not run.
- Due to historic nature of the site access to some parts of the site for the mobility impaired is limited. The new interactive gallery, shop and cafe are fully accessible and every effort has been made to make as many areas of the wider site as accessible as possible.
- Some areas of the site may be unavailable to the public at short notice, for example when blasting is taking place at Wheal Martyn Pit the viewing platform will be off limits for safety reasons. Warning signs will be in place if this occurs.
- The main museum buildings and school rooms have regular health and safety checks.
- As far as possible all school groups are met, given an introduction to the Country Park which includes a health and safety briefing.
- In the event of a fire alarm (three air blasts) leave buildings and make your way to the picnic area and remain there until told it is safe to leave.
- If a child is lost notify a member of the museum's staff. Bring your group to the school room where they can be supervised while a search for the missing child is carried out.



Assessment of Main Site Hazards

Location	Description of Hazard	Likelihood	Seriousness	Control measures in place
Site-wide	Personal injury through slips, trips & falls.	Med	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular inspection of paths, steps etc. Verbal warning in introduction Children should walk around site and not run
Settling tanks, ponds, drainage ditches	Possibility of drowning	Low	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life buoys present Verbal warning in introduction Warning Signs in place Areas fenced off Staff gives verbal warning if inappropriate behaviour spotted
Site -wide	Personal injury from machinery	Low	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal warning in introduction Staff gives verbal warning if inappropriate behaviour spotted Ensure safety barriers not crossed
Pit Viewing Platform	Possibility of falling	Low	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viewing platform is railed off Follow designated pathways Ensure pupils do not climb on the railings
Off-site mining operations	Possibility of injury from blasting operations	Low	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to viewing platform closed off during blasting operations Warning Signs erected
Site-wide	Possibility of abduction / assault by member of the public	Low	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal warning to teachers/children. School staff responsible for location of their group at all times.
Site-wide	Personal injury from traffic	Low	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal warning given in introduction Site-wide vehicle speed restrictions Large vehicles escorted on-site

If you are uncertain about any aspect of your safety or if you have any concerns about your visit please contact the museum at China Clay Country Park, Wheal Martyn, Carthew, St Austell, PL26 8XG Tel: 01726 850362