

HADDON HALL

Guidelines for Supervisors of Children and Young Persons Visiting Haddon Hall and the Garden

INTRODUCTION

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, places a duty on the school representatives to carry out specific risk assessments relating to work activities.

To assist supervisors of children and young persons, we have highlighted below risks associated with Haddon Hall, a historic building that reflects centuries of usage, and the garden.

APPROACH TO HADDON HALL

The A6 road runs between the car/coach park and the entrance to Haddon Hall. The A6 is a busy arterial road and supervisors should exercise vigilance when chaperoning children and young persons across the road.

The route to Haddon Hall is through an archway. Incorporated within the structure of the archway, is the entrance to the gift shop.

In addition to pedestrians, the road through the archway is the vehicular access route to Haddon Hall and the Estate. It is, therefore, in the interest of road safety that children and young persons do not congregate in the archway.

En route to Haddon Hall is the bridge which spans the River Wye. Children and young persons should not be allowed to sit on or lean over the parapet walls because they are only 500mm in height.

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You should be aware that there are, within the complex of Haddon Hall, irregular and worn stone steps, flagstones and uneven footpaths which could create tripping hazards.

Between the downstairs and upstairs costume rooms, there is a narrow, stone spiral staircase. It is advised that an adult should precede children and young persons while negotiating the staircase.

THE GARDEN

We advise that children and young persons do not sit on or lean over the balustrade that forms an ornamental parapet on the top of a high retaining wall.

CONTROL MEASURES

An annual audit reviews all health and safety factors prior to the opening of Haddon Hall and the Garden to the public.

The visitor route is inspected daily and action is taken immediately if a problem arises.

The visitor route is supervised by staff who are trained in first aid, fire and emergency procedures.

Haddon Hall is adequately protected with fire appliances, together with a fire safety plan approved by the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Visitors to Haddon Hall and the Garden will not be exposed to any chemicals or hazardous materials.

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