

## RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

<b>ACTIVITY</b> Education Sessions with a Ranger	<b>LOCATION</b> Durlston Country Park
<b>ORGANISATION</b> Dorset County Council	<b>DATE OF ACTIVITY</b> Throughout the year

**Responsibility during event:** Group leader responsible for their group. Durlston Rangers in conjunction with the group leader are responsible for the route taken during education session.

**Leader during session :** Durlston staff.

**Support staff:** Group leaders and additional leaders.

**First Aider:** Group leader of visiting group/school. Rangers are first aid trained.

**Equipment/headcount:** Group/School leader.

**No of expected people:** Various.

**Location of nearest telephone:** Durlston Visitor Centre & Anvil Point Lighthouse ( emergency phone only)

**Location of nearest Accident & Emergency Dept:** Swanage Hospital (minor A&E only) otherwise Poole Hospital.

**Route:** Variety of routes on the Park. Dependent on subject studied, weather and ground conditions and the group itself.

Checked by:

Line Manager:

DATE

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Durlston Country Park is an exposed coastal clifftop site, with very little shelter from the elements. Various footpaths on Durlston encompass clifftops, steep hills, fields and woodland. The ground is often uneven and rough, there are very few tarmac surfaced paths, most being grass, mud or chippings. These can all become slippery and uneven in dry or wet conditions.

For the activity you intend to carry out please consider and identify the hazards and safety measures you will take. Prior to walking the Park, further information can be obtained from the Ranger at the Visitor Centre.

<b>HAZARD</b>	<b>RISK Low, Medium, High</b>	<b>SAFETY MEASURE</b>
<b>Weather</b>	Medium - exposure - sunstroke/wet/fog/wind	Appropriate clothing and route - sunscreen, hat, waterproofs
<b>Cliff edge</b>	Trip, fall - Low risk - high injury level	Inform of danger, avoid edge, no running, appropriate footwear, shoe laces tied, walking in single file
<b>Muddy/uneven ground</b>	High - slip, trip - injury	Appropriate footwear- avoid if possible, warn about conditions
<b>Steep slopes</b>	Medium - slip, injury	Appropriate footwear - avoid if possible, warn about conditions
<b>Plants</b>	Medium - scratch, rash etc	Appropriate clothing, avoid contact
<b>Insects</b>	Medium - bite, sting, rash, Ticks (Lyme's Disease) etc	Repellents, avoid contact, know symptoms and reactors in group.
<b>Adders</b>	Low - bite	Inform risk, know symptoms, go to a Doctor
<b>Other animals</b>	Low - dogs, cattle, bites, allergies	Avoid contact, wash hands etc

