

Sheffield General Cemetery

Educational visits: Risk Assessment Guide

This risk assessment guide outlines the possible hazards, potential risks and control measures that can be identified on site. This list is not exhaustive and is only intended to be used to support you in completing your own risk assessment prior to your visit.

For your own safety, it is important that throughout your visit you stay on the paths and mown grass areas and no-one goes onto any graves.

We recommend that all new visitors to Sheffield General Cemetery do a pre-visit to familiarise themselves with the site in addition to using this guide.

Hazard	Risk	Control Measures
<p>Footpaths: Slips, trips and falls, some uneven ground/loose gravel and stones on paths. Other site visitors including cyclists.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruises, scratches, cuts • Fractures • Sprains and strains • Back, neck and head injuries • Cycling collisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable footwear (flat shoes, boots or trainers with grip) to be worn. • Groups should stay on designated paths. • As this is a public site, be aware of use by other visitors including cyclists and keep your groups gathered together.
<p>Steep paths and steps: Slips, trips and falls, some steep paths and uneven steps (steep paths are marked on maps).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruises, scratches, cuts • Fractures • Sprains and strains • Back, neck and head injuries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable footwear (flat shoes, boots or trainers with grip) to be worn. • Groups should use the map to stay on main designated paths.
<p>Trees: falling branches/trees or low hanging branches.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back, neck and head injuries • Crushing • Eye injury 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups should check outdoor conditions before and during activities. • Check SGCT or SCC Parks social media for any site updates following adverse weather.*

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<p>Vegetation: nettles, brambles and berries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuts and scratches • Bites • Injury from branches, thorns, and irritants in plants • Allergies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups should stay on designated paths. • Groups of young people to be supervised by adults to prevent ingestion of berries. • Ensure hands are washed after visiting the site.
<p>Animals: wild animals (rodents, spiders/insects), dogs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bites or stings from insects in grassy areas or woodland • Allergies • Panic attacks (phobias) • Weils disease or other disease from rat urine • Other biohazards such as dog excrement on site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups of young people should be supervised by adults. • Ensure hands are washed after visiting the site. • As this is a public space, some dogs may be off the lead. Dog owners can be asked to keep their dog on a lead or away from the activity area. Move away if necessary.
<p>Adverse Weather: heavy rain, heat, sun, sleet, snow and high winds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heatstroke • Sunburn • Dehydration • Hypothermia • Crushing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups should bring and wear weather suitable clothing and protective equipment e.g. sunglasses, waterproofs, hats, sun cream. • Check SGCT or SCC Parks social media for any site updates following adverse weather.* • Visits should be cancelled if there are adverse weather conditions.
<p>Gravestones/monuments: falling.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back, neck and head injuries • Crushing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups should stay on designated paths. • Areas are fenced off where graves may have voids or have collapsed. • Groups should not lean on, push or stand on gravestones or monuments. • Groups of young people should be supervised by adults.
<p>Open water: Porter Brook, pond.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leptospirosis • Hypothermia • Drowning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups should stay on designated paths. • The Porter Brook is inaccessible due to high walls and railings. • The pond area is fenced off to prevent access without a guide.

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Educational visits: Additional information

Sheffield City Council Parks and Countryside Service

Helpful links

Sheffield City Council, Parks and green spaces:

www.sheffield.gov.uk/parks-sport-recreation/parks-green-spaces

Contact information

Address: Centre in the Park, Norfolk Heritage Park, Guildford Avenue, Sheffield, S2 2PL

General Enquiries: [Enquiry Form](#)

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Social Media*

 Sheffield Parks and Countryside

Sheffield General Cemetery Trust

Helpful links

Accessibility: www.gencem.org/visit/accessibility/

Map: www.gencem.org/visit/map/

Significant Sights: www.gencem.org/visit/significant-sights/

Contact information

Address: The Gatehouse, Cemetery Avenue, Sheffield, S11 8NT

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Social Media*

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