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Activity: Quarry Visit – generic – local quarries – please check with each quarry for any specific risks associated with visiting them.

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See General Off-Site Risk Assessment

1	Vehicles in car parking and loading areas	Busy, working quarries with numerous hazards in all areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close supervision whilst in car park and access road areas • Follow set routes
2	Vehicles and other machinery in quarry		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow guidelines and instructions given by the member of Quarry staff that is giving the tour at all times
3	Edges / cliffs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep group closely supervised at all times, especially near to edges, cliffs and descents
4	Loose rock / stone piles, dust, falling rocks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that pupils do not attempt to climb onto piles of stone for any reason as they are potentially very unstable
5	Chips of stone from working Masons		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow quarry staff guidance with regard to approaching working stone masons.
6	Steep slopes / pathways / mud	Tracks in quarries and pools of deep mud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep control of the group as they descend any steep tracks, keep a member of staff at the front and rear of any group, choose route accordingly
7	Gas leaks, explosions	Gas leaks from landfills sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No use of mobile phones in certain areas
8	Snakes - poisonous		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give guidance before any field work. Do not pick up reptiles.
9	Brambles, nettles	Scratches/stings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give guidance before any field work. Avoid areas of brambles and nettles.

Emergency

See General Off-Site Risk Assessment Emergency Procedure
Follow guidelines and instructions given by the member of Quarry staff that is giving the tour at all times and also read any risk assessments provided by the quarry beforehand.
Quarry staff will be able to contact the main office to summon help if required.
Swanworth Quarry will insist on pupils wearing hard hats, high vis waistcoats and eye protection – this is needed as Swanworth has a lot of dust, vehicles and risk of falling rock. These hazards are also present in smaller “Purbeck stone” quarries so it is still essential that hard hats and high visibility waistcoats are worn AT ALL TIMES.

Police/Ambulance/Coastguard – 999 or 112

Leeson House – 01929 422126

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