



Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

Hazard information sheet for education groups for HMS Warrior 1860

Guidelines for visiting teachers

To ensure all visitors to HMS Warrior have a safe and rewarding experience we have compiled these brief safety notes. These notes are primarily aimed at school and youth groups visiting on organised trips.

Please remember that you are entitled (and encouraged) to make a free preliminary visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and HMS Warrior 1860. This is a chance for you to familiarise yourself with the layout of the ship and facilities on site, plan your work and prepare or review your risk assessment.

HMS Warrior is an historic ship over 150 years old. Over the years, changes to the warship have been carried out, however, the ship remains as authentic as possible and therefore there are hazards on board that cannot be avoided.

The public areas on HMS Warrior are designed to be as safe as possible but however particular care should be taken when onboard.

In the interest of safety:

- Pupils under the age of 16 must be supervised and within view at all times throughout their exploration of the ship.
- There are openings in the sides of the upper deck which are covered with netting, but teachers/group leaders should keep pupils under close supervision in these areas.
- When negotiating ladders (stairs) between the decks, pupils should be instructed to walk “normally” (ie forward facing) up and down the ladder, one pupil at a time and holding on to the rope/rail at all times.

Please ask pupils:

- Not to run
- Not to leave the ship without prior permission of teacher
- To be aware of any steps and wet decks
- To only enter designated public areas

Please be careful:

- On all decks and passageways, particularly when wet. Do not run. Attention is brought to the potential tripping hazard onboard.
- When using steep companionways and ladders



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School groups are advised that they must be with their leader at all times when onboard.

Jetty/Quayside Area

HMS Warrior is moored alongside a purpose built jetty. Visitors should not climb the jetty railings or cross barriers. In case of emergency the jetty is equipped with lifebelts. A member of staff must be informed immediately in the case of an emergency.



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