

Risk Identification Information for Schools

We recommend that teachers carry out a preliminary visit in advance of their school trip to Sick to Death in order to conduct their own Risk Assessment. Please be aware that responsibility for pupils on school visits remains with the teachers at all times.

The following factors relate specifically to Sick to Death and should be taken into consideration in relation to individual needs of group members.

External Environment:

- Sick to Death is located on Bridge Street on the corner of a junction with car and pedestrian traffic, where Pepper Street, Lower Bridge Street, and Grosvenor Street all meet.
- There are designated crosswalks on Pepper Street and Bridge Street that are located at the bottom of each set of stairs to Sick to Death.
- Sick to Death is located on the medieval Rows of Chester and is typically accessed from the main street levels by either five stone steps (Bridge Street) or six stone steps with a central hand-rail (Pepper Street). There is small step-up through the front doors of the museum.
- There is a coach drop off point on Pepper Street a few metres from Sick to Death's entrance.
- There is a pay and display car park at the Little Roodee for coaches, which is a 5-10 minute walk away.

Internal Environment:

- The museum is all on one level.
- There are areas of low-lighting, particularly at the beginning of the self-guided tour, and immersive sensory effects that include lights, sounds, and (unpleasant) smells throughout.
- There is a small amount of fog in the front desk and gift shop area, as part of a display. This is an effect specially designed for use in a public area.
- The first room you enter after the front desk includes flashing lights as part of the projected introduction.
- Information and displays in Sick to Death relate to human anatomy, health and disease, death, and other medical topics. Teachers must consider what is age appropriate for their pupils.
- The museum is open to the public and so there may be other visitors in the museum while your group is visiting.

Supervision and Behaviour

- Groups must have the correct adult-to-pupil ratio. School groups should adhere to their school staff:child ratios. Minimum ratios are:
 - EYFS and KS1 (ages 4 – 8) 1:6
 - KS2 (ages 9 – 12) 1:8
 - KS3 (age 13+) 1:10
- Sick to Death reserves the right to refuse permission to any groups who do not have the correct ratios for their visit
- Sick to Death also reserves the right to ask groups to leave if:
 - Any group member carries out any behaviour deemed as antisocial
 - Any group member behaves in such a way to affect the safety and enjoyment of other visitors and staff

- Any group member causes damage to any element of the site
 - Please note, Sick to Death is a hands-on interactive site but we still expect group members to handle museum displays and props with care
- If any group member is instructed to leave the site, please ensure you have contingency measures in place to deal with this situation
- The museum is organised with a single one-way route through; however any lost pupils should find their way to the main Reception Desk which is permanently staffed. Staff will then help to locate an appropriate supervising adult.
- It is essential that supervising staff remain with their pupils at all times to oversee their behaviour and safety and to accompany them to an exit point in the event of an evacuation.

Fire and Evacuation

- Supervising adults should familiarise themselves with all fire exits on site. At Sick to Death this includes the main entrance and a rear emergency exit, located in south-east corner within the Sexual Health exhibit. All group members should be briefed about evacuation procedures (in case of a fire this is to leave calmly by the nearest fire exit).
- When the fire alarm sounds, it is in the form of a loud oscillating siren
- The main stairs leading to the Grosvenor precinct is the main assembly point for all visitors.
- It is the supervising adult's responsibility to take a register and report any missing persons to the Sick to Death Fire Warden, who will make themselves known to your group.

First Aid

- A qualified first aider will be on schedule/call during your visit, located either at Sick to Death or Deva (approx 120m away on Pierpoint Lane). However, please note that it is anticipated that it is the role of the supervising adult(s) to administer first aid to pupils.
- Please speak to any member of staff if treatment is required. Please report any accidents to the main Reception Desk as this will be recorded in the accident book

Security

- Please be aware that certain rooms within Sick to Death are covered by CCTV cameras. Images are recorded and monitored.
- Please ensure staff and pupils do not leave any personal items unattended

Safeguarding children and Disclosure and Barring Service Check

- All staff have passed through a basic disclosure check and wear either a Sick to Death uniform, a character costume, or other branded accessories, so they are easily identifiable.
- Sick to Death has a Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy as well as a Lost Child Policy
- Any incident of inappropriate behaviour must be reported to a member of staff immediately

Hazards including slipping, tripping, falling down stairs, trapping fingers in doors or interactive displays, cuts and bruises, and feeling or being ill or faint due to the content, displays, or sensory effects.