



Generic Risk Assessment – Supervised Beach Visit

This risk assessment is intended for educators planning and supervising coastal activities with young people. It outlines common hazards and control measures required for safe and effective learning experiences at the beach.

Hazard	People at Risk	Control Measures	Severity	Likelihood	Risk Level
Slips, trips & falls on uneven terrain	Students, educators	Brief group on walking safely. Wear appropriate footwear. Constant supervision.	3	2	6
Drowning or tide-related incidents	Students	Know tide times. Set strict water boundaries. Ensure adult-to-student ratio. Bring throwline.	5	1	5
Cuts from sharp objects or marine life	Students, educators	Warn about beach litter. No touching unknown or sharp items. Bring first aid kit and gloves.	3	1	3
Weather exposure (sun, cold, wind)	Students, educators	Check forecast. Advise proper clothing. Provide sunscreen and water breaks. Carry shelter if needed.	3	1	3
Getting lost	Students	Establish clear boundaries. Regular headcounts.	4	1	4

		Assign buddies. Use high-vis vests if needed.			
Dog encounters or bites	Students	Stay calm. Do not run or provoke dogs. Ask owner to leash dog if unsafe.	3	1	3
Injury from rockpooling or sea defences	Students	Supervise closely. Avoid climbing. Demonstrate safe movement on rocks.	2	2	4
Injury by thrown objects	Students	No stone throwing policy. Activities must be supervised and distanced.	1	5	5
Contact with animal waste or contaminated water	Students	Avoid contact. Wash hands after activity. Use hand sanitiser before eating.	2	1	2
Cliff fall or unstable ground	Students	Keep distance from cliffs and unstable edges. Warn about falling rocks.	5	1	5

Risk Level = Severity x Likelihood

Severity: 1 = Minor, 5 = Fatal

Likelihood: 1 = Rare, 5 = Certain

Risk Levels: 1-2 = Very Low, 3-6 = Low, 7-11 = Medium, 12-15 = High, 16-25 = Unacceptable