

ACTIVITY	17. Fieldwork
HAZARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Significant falls ✘ Falling objects ✘ Water margins/drowning ✘ Adverse and sudden changes in weather conditions ✘ Adverse ground conditions ✘ Sudden changes in water levels or incoming tides ✘ Pollution/debris ✘ Use of chemicals ✘ Ineffective personal hygiene facilities/options ✘ Sheep and deer tics ✘ Eye injuries ✘ Manual handling of equipment
CONTROL MEASURES	
<p>This must be read in conjunction with Risk Assessment Number 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Local knowledge of Group Leader ➔ Apply provider's site specific risk assessment, where appropriate ➔ Party management appropriate to location ➔ Detailed weather forecast including tide times for coastal locations ➔ Helmets for all participants near cliff areas (geology excursions) ➔ Eye protection if using geology hammers etc. ➔ Appropriate protective clothing and footwear ➔ Extreme caution with river studies in anything other than ankle deep water ➔ ➔ Briefing re: dangers of road traffic etc. in urban and rural fieldwork ➔ Care with high walls on castle and fortified town visits ➔ Be prepared to change planned activity in adverse conditions ➔ Briefing/training for use of/carrying equipment, chemicals etc. ➔ Refer to Remote Supervision Risk Assessment if appropriate 	
NOTES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A number of recent accidents and fatalities have reflected a total underestimation of the power of water and the effect of sudden immersion. River study sites should be carefully chosen beforehand and not used if water levels rise in a short period of time. Depths should alternatively be made from bridges with due regard for the dangers of leaning over railings! ▪ The impact of fieldwork groups is an issue in more environmentally sensitive areas. The digging of soil pits and use of geology hammers on rocks for instance should be avoided, particularly in sensitive areas. 	

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