

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS AT SOVEREIGN HILL

This document is devised for schools conducting risk assessments for excursions and camps to Sovereign Hill. It explains some of the risks unique to our outdoor museum and our safety strategies.

Potential Hazard	Safety Strategies
Slips, trips and falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathways are provided and maintained. • Dangerous areas are restricted by fencing. • Teachers should read and discuss Sovereign Hill Safety information with their students. This advises visitors to wear sensible shoes, keep to paths and observe warning signs. • Conditions of Entry require all visiting schools must provide qualified first aid staff with first aid kits. • Teachers must supervise students at all times as stipulated in the Code of Conduct and Conditions of Entry.
Interaction with animals including horses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers should read and discuss Sovereign Hill Safety information with their students. This covers interactions with horses and is also reproduced on the Teachers map. • Teachers must supervise students at all times as stipulated in the Code of Conduct and Conditions of Entry.
Injury due to accessing out of bounds areas including water and mine shafts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers should read and discuss Sovereign Hill Safety information with their students. This describes the environment, open bodies of water and out-of-bounds areas. • Teachers must supervise students at all times as stipulated in the Code of Conduct and Conditions of Entry.
Burns from fires and braziers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All fires are in contained fireplaces or braziers. • Visitors should avoid contact with fires and braziers. • Conditions of Entry require all visiting schools must provide qualified first aid staff with first aid kits. • Teachers must supervise students at all times as stipulated in the Code of Conduct and Conditions of Entry.
Severe weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheltered areas are available at the Café and the Horse Bazaar. • All principals and teachers-in-charge receive a Code Red Letter outlining safety procedures implemented on Code Red Days. • Sovereign Hill and the Sovereign Hill Hotel are not identified as a high risk bushfire location.
Emergency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sovereign Hill has a well-documented emergency management plan and staff are well trained in evacuation procedures. • All school staff should familiarise themselves with What to do in an Emergency which is also reproduced on the Teachers map.
Mine Incident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sovereign Hill's Mines are routinely professionally checked for safety. • Our mines comply with all relevant safety legislation. • Risk Assessments are conducted for all aspects of all mine tours. • All staff are well trained in how to deal with any potential mishaps including emergency management.
AURA Incident (Sovereign Hill's evening show)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AURA complies with all relevant safety legislation. • Risk Assessments are conducted for all aspects of the AURA show. • All AURA staff are well trained in how to deal with any potential mishaps including emergency management. • A code of safety and behaviour is read to all schools prior to show.