

Lihou Island & Intertidal Zone - Risk Assessment

What is the risk	Who Might be Harmed and How	Level of Risk	Control Measures Implemented	Remaining Risk After Controls
Uneven ground and 'rabbit holes'	All visitors and residents including group supervisory staff	Low	- Residents to be briefed of hazard by the warden on arrival and also reminded of the danger by the supervisory staff - Minors who are exploring the island should do so in groups and not as individuals - All residents advised to carry/ use torches during dark hours	Low
Rock outcrops and sheer drops from crags	All visitors and residents including group supervisory staff	High	- Residents to be briefed of hazard by the warden on arrival and also reminded of the danger by the supervisory staff - Minors who are exploring the island should do so in groups and not as individuals - All residents advised to carry/use torches during dark hours - When minors are exploring the western end of the island it is essential they do so under the direct supervision of an adult as the consequences of a fall from the rocks above Venus Pool are dire	Medium
Slippery and wobbly rocks on the inter-tidal zone	All visitors and residents including group supervisory staff	Medium	- Residents to be briefed of hazard by the warden on arrival and also reminded of the danger by the supervisory staff - Minors exploring the inter-tidal zone should do so in groups - All persons exploring the inter-tidal zone are advised to inform another member within their party of their intentions and location - A knowledge of the tide times is essential – These are displayed in the house and all should be familiar with their use and location	Low
Weil's disease and other such infections from dead or dying bird or animal life	All visitors and residents including group supervisory staff	Medium	- All persons either visiting the house or island are advised to avoid paddling or exploring the 'dew pond' and its immediate surrounds. This is the only standing fresh water on the island and attracts rats who are the main carriers of Weil's disease (please see leaflet enclosed in the information folder for the house for more details about weill's disease) - Migrating birds can transmit infections and Lihou is an important stop-off for birds migrating. All persons should avoid handling dead or dying bird life as there is a slight chance that it might be infected - All persons should avoid handling dead animal carcasses due to the risk of bacterial infection	Low
Brown Tailed Moth	All visitors and residents including group supervisory staff	Medium	- All persons should be made aware that Brown Tailed Moths breed on the island and as a result make their 'webs' on brambles and other such vegetation in which their caterpillars live. The hairs of the caterpillars are a serious irritant and can be a serious problem if a high level of exposure has happened - All persons to be advised of any known locations with the caterpillars by the warden - Minors to be supervised by an adult if they are exploring in areas that are known or may be inhabited by the caterpillars	Low
Loose rocks on walls dividing the island	All visitors and residents including group supervisory staff	Medium	All persons but especially minors asked not to climb on any walls as the majority are of a poor state of repair due to weathering and may collapse if climbed on	Low

- The risk assessment is a general risk assessment for Lihou Island. It is not exhaustive and should be used in conjunction with a risk assessment written by the user group, making note of any special needs or issues that are specific to that group.
- For further information or to comment, please contact the warden.