

Safety advice

Year 4, unit 3: Shaping the Earth's surface

Handling sand during erosion activities

Ensure students wash their hands at the conclusion of the activity.

If using hand trowels or other tools, ensure you consult appropriate guidelines for your school or organisation.

Conducting activities outdoors

Ensure students wear sun-protective hats, clothing and sunscreen when conducting activities outdoors. Consult the sun safety guidelines for your school or organisation.

Monitor students whilst carrying out explorations of living things. Remind them not to taste or ingest materials. Inform students not to touch animals during activities outdoors.

Carry a first aid kit to treat insect bites or stings when working in the field.

Conduct appropriate risk management prior to implementing outdoor activities.

The following state and territory education department websites are useful for risk management information.

NSW

'[Guidelines for the safe conduct of sport and physical activity in schools](#)', NSW

Department of Education and Training website (PDF, 1.6 MB)

https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_serv/student_welfare/safe_sport/pd02_12_safe_sport.pdf (1999)

'[Excursions policy](#)', NSW Department of Education and Training website

https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_admin/excursions/excursion_pol/PD20040010.shtml (28 May 2009)

NT

'[Occupational health and safety manual: science guidelines](#)', NT Department of Education and Training website (PDF, 389 KB)

http://www.det.nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/4105/ScienceGuidelines.pdf (November 2008)

Qld.

'[Curriculum activity risk assessment template](#)', Qld. Department of Education and Training website (PDF, 400 KB)

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/eppr/health/hlspr012/assess.pdf> (no date)

SA

'[Risk management policy](#)', SA Department of Education and Child Development website (PDF, 59.9 KB)

<http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/docs/documents/1/DecdRiskManagementPolicy.pdf>
(2013)

Tas.

'[Risk management](#)' Tas. Department of Education website (PDF, 253 KB)
<https://www.education.tas.gov.au/documentcentre/Documents/Risk-Management.pdf>
(July 2012)

Vic.

'[School policy and advisory guide: risk management](#)', Vic. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/governance/pages/risk.aspx>
(20 March 2013)

WA

'[Outdoor education and recreation activities policy](#)' WA Department of Education and Training website <http://det.wa.edu.au/policies/detcms/policy-planning-and-accountability/policies-framework/policies/outdoor-education-and-recreation-activities.en?oid=au.edu.wa.det.cms.contenttypes.Policy-id-11630350> (10 March 2008)