

## **RISK ASSESSMENT INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS/GROUP LEADERS**

This document gives information about health and safety arrangements at the March & District Museum and is intended to assist teachers and group leaders with the preparation of their own risk assessment documentation.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The museum is maintained as a safe space for all our visitors. Risk assessments have been completed and copies of the recorded assessments are available for inspection.

For health and safety within the Museum, **the required minimum ratio of adults to children under the age of seventeen is 1:10**. Group leaders are made aware of required pupil-teacher ratios at the time of booking and in their confirmation letter.

Teachers/group leaders remain responsible for the behaviour and general health and safety of the children in their party as at school. **Adults should remain with groups at all times**, for their general health and safety and to accompany them in case of evacuation.

All children under the age of twelve must be under the control of the accompanying adult(s).

We strongly recommend that teachers/group leaders brief children and accompanying adults with a plan of action in case of an evacuation, other emergency, or in the event of a child being separated from the group.

If the visit is during normal Museum opening hours, the behaviour of any children or adults in the group adversely affects the safety or enjoyment of other visitors to the museum, we will ask them to leave the museum, accompanied by their teacher/group leader. Future requests to visit the museum from the school or group concerned may be refused.

The museum is protected from fire by a smoke and heat sensing system linked to the fire alarm. Well-rehearsed evacuation procedures ensure all visitors can safely leave the premises. Should you need to evacuate the building you will be made aware by a continuous alarm. Please follow the procedure outlined below in the event of an emergency.

### **EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN – INSTRUCTIONS FOR GROUPS**

The museum has a robust Evacuation Policy with clear responsibilities for all museum staff in the event of an evacuation.

A continuous alarm is used to alert staff and visitors of an evacuation. When the alarm is raised an automatic call is put through to the fire brigade for attendance.

The assembly point after the evacuation is located in front of Storey's Shop at the junction of Burrowmoor Road and City Road, to the right of the Museum entrance.

The museum is equipped with fire fighting equipment, which conforms to current regulations and is maintained on an annual basis by an outside licensed contractor.

Teachers/group leaders should brief their group before they enter the building.

### **1. Group Leader – brief to your group**

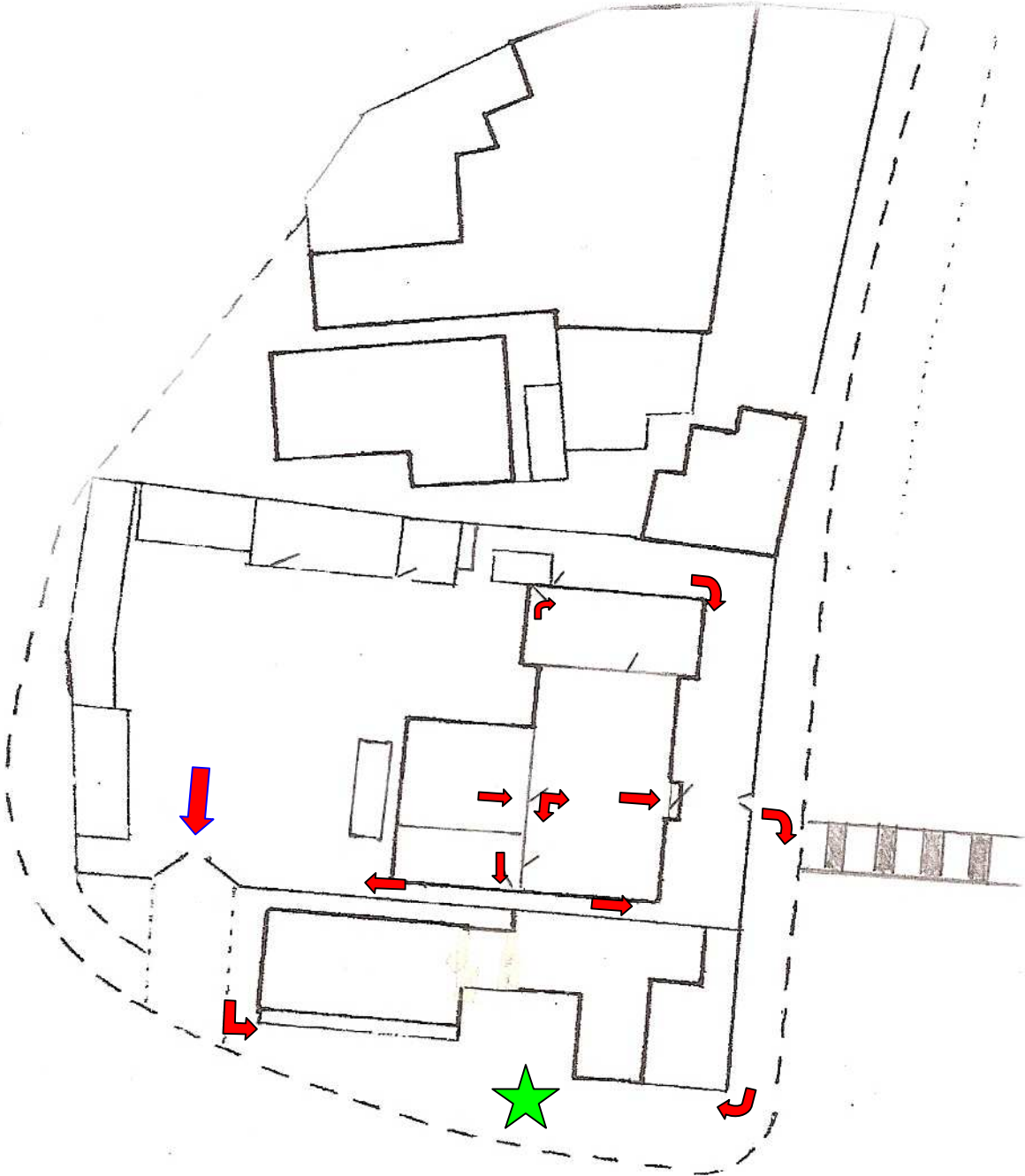
- 1.1 In the event of an evacuation you will hear an alarm (continuous sounder) and/or you may be asked to leave the building by a member of staff.
- 1.2 Leave the building via the nearest emergency exit in a calm manner.
- 1.3 Make your way to the front of Storey's Shop at the junction of Burrowmoor Road and City Road, to the right of the Museum entrance (see attached plan).
- 1.4 Report to your group leader.

### **2. Group Leader – further information**

- 2.1 The group leader should account for all members of the group. If there are any missing persons, please report this to the Museum Steward.
- 2.2 If your group contains any wheelchairs or people with movement difficulties please make us aware on arrival of any assistance you may require so we are able to make the necessary emergency provisions.

These notes should be read and fully understood by the group leader in charge of the visit to March Museum and if there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff on arrival on contact us before your visit on 01354 655300.

MARCH MUSEUM EXIT ROUTES



Emergency Exit Routes

Emergency Meeting Point

## **Health and Safety at the March & District Museum**

This document will give you details you require regarding the Health & Safety arrangements that are in place at the March Museum Museum.

This document contains information on the following:

- **Adult : Child Ratio**
- **First Aid Arrangements**
- **Accident Reporting and Investigation**
- **Fire and Evacuation**
- **Vetting Of Employees**
- **Risk Assessments and Hazard Identification**
- **Insurance Cover**

### **Adult : Child Ratio**

• Teachers (and other accompanying adults) remain responsible for the general health and safety of children as at school. Teachers (or other adults) should remain with groups at all times for their health and safety and to accompany them in case of evacuation. The required ratio of adults to children is 1:10 for all children under the age of seventeen. If your group has particular requirements, you may decide to increase this ratio.

### **First Aid Arrangements**

- The Museum has no trained members of staff able to provide First Aid treatment.
- In the event of a serious accident the paramedic services will be summoned.

### **Accident Reporting and Investigation**

- For any accident, the Museum Steward is required to complete an Accident Report detailing the circumstances of the incident and any injuries sustained.
- The Management Committee is responsible for investigating any accident that occurs to visitors.

### **Fire and Evacuation**

- The Museum has an Emergency Evacuation Policy with clear responsibilities for all Museum staff in the event of an evacuation.
- A continuous alarm is used to alert staff and visitors of an evacuation. When the alarm is raised an automatic call is put through to the fire brigade for attendance.
- The assembly point after the evacuation is to the front of Storey's Shop at the junction of Burrowmoor Road and City Road, to the right of the Museum entrance. Staff will direct you to the nearest fire exit and to the assembly point.
- We suggest that teachers have a contingency plan and have briefed adults and children with a plan of action in case of an evacuation (see "EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN – INSTRUCTIONS FOR GROUPS" on pages 1&2 of this document).
- Well-rehearsed evacuation procedures ensure all visitors can safely and quickly leave the premises.
- The Museum includes training for staff on evacuation in their induction course.
- The Museum is equipped with Fire Fighting equipment, which conforms to current regulations and is maintained on an annual basis by an outside licensed contractor.

### **Vetting Of Employees**

- A number of the Museum volunteers are CRB checked and all volunteers are assessed for suitability in this work before being accepted

### **Risk Assessments and Hazard Identification**

- The Museum is maintained as a safe space for all our visiting public.
- Activities for schools and groups are designed with full consideration of risks control measures. Assessments are completed for all new works and activities.
- Any hazards are identified in a daily monitoring program and isolated or rectified immediately.

### **Insurance Cover**

- March Museum has in place and maintains insurance cover in respect of Public and Product liability. The limit on these policies is £5,000,000.

### **March Museum Health and Safety Policy Statement**

The Board of Trustees are committed to ensure that the Museum will promote the highest standards of safety, including safe working conditions, in accordance with the provisions of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and other relevant legislation. The Museum will provide appropriate resources and ensure that all volunteers receive adequate training in safety matters. The Museum recognises its duty to provide for the safety of all of it's volunteer staff, visitors who use the Museum, and employees of contractors and others working on the premises. It is the intention of the Museum that the safety of the individual must be accorded an over-riding priority over work requirements.

It is the aim of the Museum to ensure continual improvement in safety performance and ensure that all significant risks are controlled and managed.

The Museum requires that its volunteers take reasonable care of their own health and safety and that of other persons who may be affected by their acts or omissions at work. It is the duty of every volunteer to co-operate with management so far as is necessary to fulfil or meet any duty or requirement imposed upon the Museum or any other person by or under the relevant statutory provisions of law dealing with health and safety matters.