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## **VISIT TO A PUBLIC PLACE NEAR WATER – River Seine**

SITUATION	POTENTIAL PROBLEM	CONTROL MEASURES
Large area	Pupils getting lost or separated from group or friends	Identify loners & special needs pupils, keep with staff or link with a special pupil. Pupils to stay in small groups. Have meeting place with regular times. Give pupils a staff mobile phone number or identify Lost Children desk. Staff to patrol area during the whole visit. Pupils to have a written note of time of departure & meeting place.
Separation from staff	No immediate help if pupils ill	Identify children at risk of needing adult support. Make special arrangements to meet them regularly
Long and tiring day	Pupils not eating properly and drinking enough to avoid dehydration.	Meet to eat together or give pupils money or meal vouchers. Warn pupils to drink enough. Provide free bottles of water.
Hot weather	Sunburn, heatstroke, dehydration, causing inattention and carelessness Children wanting to paddle or swim.	Warn pupils. Advise suntan lotion, hats, plenty to drink, rest in shade. Advise pupils of rules before they arrive at venue (eg no swimming, no running into the sea)  Pupils to look after each other
Cold weather	Pupils getting very cold, hypothermia, causing inattention and carelessness	Warn pupils. Advise warm clothing, thick-soled shoes, warm drinks inside café, pupils to look after each other.
Equipment, e.g. playgrounds, picnic areas	Accidents	On arrival, check for faulty equipment or dangerous items, eg sharps. Tell pupils to observe safety rules. No running or misbehaviour. No climbing or crossing barriers.

Food carried during long, hot day	Food poisoning from packed lunch	Don't keep lunches all day in hot coach. Throw away surplus perishables at end of meal or day.
Drops in height, unprotected or protected	Accidents from pupils falling, tripping or pushing. Wet or slippy surfaces, eg near quaysides	Advise pupils to observe safety signs, no fooling around. Keep away from edges, quaysides. Staff supervision. Keep pupils occupied away from danger areas
Water, ponds, harbours, lakes, rivers, sea	Falling in, either by accident or fooling around	Identify likely candidates, keep them close to staff. Small groups. Calm, sensible behaviour, no running or shouting. Tell pupils to observe warning signs, keep behind barriers, don't get too close to harbour or river banks. No swimming!
Pupils buying unsuitable items, eg flick knives/combs, bangers or fireworks, alcohol	Harming themselves or others; frightening others; bringing illegal items into UK	Tell pupils not to buy such items (without giving them a shopping list!). Identify likely candidates and supervise pupils while shopping. Accept and act on pupil information. Throw items overboard on the way home.
Pupils buying alcohol for immediate or later consumption	Sickness, dehydration, drowsiness, carelessness, alcohol poisoning	Instruct pupils not to buy alcohol or gluhwein (Christmas markets). Identify likely candidates.
Bicycles (especially in Germany and Belgium)	Collisions on pavements, paths and roads. Boy racers. Cars swerving to avoid cyclists and then hitting pedestrians.	Warn pupils and staff in advance. Keep keen look-out for cyclists. Keep reminding everyone to be vigilant.