

PRE-16 WORK EXPERIENCE

PROHIBITED PLACEMENTS RISK BANDINGS

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Work experience placements should not take place where students are working with:

Dangerous machinery

Microbiological cultures (hospital/lab work)

Toxic substances

Unprotected exposure to clinical waste (undertakers, hospice)

No more than 10 feet from ground level

e.g. window cleaner, scaffolder, tree surgeon (ground work only), ladder work, stock rooms, flights (any vehicle which leaves the ground), fairgrounds, roofing.

Tidal waters

e.g. harbour master, diving, sea fishing and beach patrol.

Age related

e.g. gun shops, serving petrol, selling alcohol or cigarettes, tattoo parlour, selling lottery tickets, amusement arcades, working with tarmac, hospitals (except patient services or physiotherapy), abattoir, funeral director, childminder.

Private households

It is recommended that students do not go on work experience to a private household where there could be extended periods of unsupervised access by an adult. However these placements need to be assessed individually by a member of the West Sussex Team or the school may request a CRB check. The school will however be responsible for the cost of any such checks.

CRB Checks

There is no requirement to CRB check employers for block/extended placements unless the student will be on a one to one with an employer for more than 15 days.

Other

Students are prohibited from new build sites. Students must not drive any vehicle, including golf buggies, tractors and beach buggies, but they can be a passenger as they will be under supervision. Schools should also be aware of the increased risks associated with parks and open spaces where a student may be at risk from contamination by discarded needles etc and therefore a visit is essential prior to the placement proceeding to ensure the student will not be involved in clearance activities.

Students may not travel abroad for work experience.

Out of County placements may be possible provided arrangements can be made for the student to be visited.