

64828 Risk Assessment around Castle Rock & Edinburgh Castle

A risk assessment was completed for the entire rock face around Castle Rock and Edinburgh Castle. Please can you direct me to or supply a copy of this Risk Assessment.

Please find attached the Council's internal risk assessments from 2019 and 2021. The Council is awaiting final sign-off for an updated risk assessment.

In addition, we can advise that Castle Rock is under management and responsibility of Historic Environment Scotland. Risk assessments were completed by their consultants and may be available from [Historic Environment Scotland](#).

The issue with the path that goes past the Wellhouse Tower is it leads to an area which is directly under the rock face which is only part covered by the rock mesh attached to the castle rock. It also leads into the area which is now protected by the new rock fence. Therefore, the risk to the public is extremely high due to the lack of mitigation measures which can be used and it also leads into a protected area. Hence the path needs to remain closed. You state that "the risk to the public is extremely high". Please can you supply a justification of that statement.

This path leads directly into the protection zone (no access), where the new rock fence has been erected and must remain closed. The risk level carries a level 5, which means an incident could result in a fatality.