

About Weymouth SEA LIFE Adventure Park	
Combining active, hands-on learning with fascinating educational talks and an opportunity to have an up close and personal encounter with a variety of sea creatures, a visit to SEA LIFE is an educational experience like no other! SEA LIFE caters for every ability level and learning style, using a unique combination of auditory, visual and kinaesthetic learning opportunities. Children are encouraged to have supervised, hands-on contact with live sea creatures in the touch pool which is often the highlight of the trip for many children.	
About Merlin Entertainments Group	
Merlin Entertainments Group is the leading name in location based, quality family entertainment. Now the world's number two visitor attraction operator, it aims to deliver unique, memorable and rewarding experiences to its 67 million visitors worldwide, through its iconic global and local brands, and the commitment and passion of its managers and employees. Merlin has over 120 attractions, in 25 countries, across three continents - Europe, North America and Asia.	
Legal requirements and attraction information	
Public Liability	SEA LIFE centres and Sanctuaries are covered by Public Liability Insurance to the amount of £10 million. The Policy is with Chubb European Group Limited (Policy No UKCANC33447).
Local Enforcement Agency	Weymouth SEA LIFE is enforced by Dorset Council. Please email info@sealifeweymouth.com if you require further information.
Rides Engineering / Maintenance	The centre does not operate any mechanical rides
Food Safety and Hygiene	The food units operate in accordance with the Food Safety Act 1990 and are regularly inspected by the local Environmental Health Department, and undergo regular internal health and safety audits carried out by Merlin Entertainments.
Attraction Staff / Staff identification	All attraction staff wear uniforms and name badges for easy identification. A policy exists for staff in selected roles to have criminal record checks.

Security	The attraction has a dedicated security team who are able to deal with minor security issues on site. The team is also trained to deal with emergency incidents that may arise.
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Risk assessment

Vehicle traffic	N/A.
Weather protection / Sun safety	The attraction is both indoors and outdoors and so weather protection/sun safety is required.
Water	There are display tanks throughout the different attractions and also touch pools; supervision is required at all times.
Slips/ Trips/ Falls	The following hazards should be noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trips caused by looking in the display and not at the floor • Wet flooring • Steps and stairs
High level areas	Supervision is required and there is no climbing on the barriers.
Strobe lighting	Strobe lighting effects are used in certain areas throughout the attraction.
Reduced lighting	Care should be taken due to reduced lighting in certain areas.
Enclosed spaces	Some parts of the attractions could make individuals feel confined due to being dark, warm and humid. However there are no areas in the attraction that can be defined as a confined space.
Attraction specific risk	Creatures, stings and bites: Do not place hands into any of the display tanks. All visitors must wash their hands if they have contact with any creatures or water. Extra care is required for children sensitive to this environment.
Door entrapment	Beware of closing doors on fingers etc
Rides	N/A
Soft play areas / Play equipment	Weymouth SEA LIFE has a large outdoor play area suitable for a mix of ages. Safety signage is displayed in the area and guidelines should be followed at all times.
Water Play Area	Weymouth SEA LIFE has a outdoor Splash Playzone that incorporates a paddling pool with a maximum depth of 0.5m and includes a small slide and water dump feature. The pool is open on a seasonal basis and has a team member present when children are allowed to enter. There is also an area with water jets which is unsupervised.

Attraction arrangements

Arrival arrangements	If you are bringing a group by minibus or coach and need to drop off and pick up your group, there are coach-parking bays at the Lodmoor Car Park to the front of SEA LIFE Weymouth. Please note that this is a council-run car park and payment is required.
Parking	Please go to the 'Plan Your Visit' pages on the website for the most convenient car park in relation to the attraction.
First aid	SEA LIFE Weymouth has a medical / first aid facility which is operated by a dedicated team of qualified first aiders. Nearest hospital: Weymouth Community Hospital
Emergency planning	SEA LIFE Weymouth has a contingency plan in the event of an emergency. The emergency plan has been developed in conjunction with the local emergency services who have regular meetings regarding emergency procedures.
Fire safety	In the event of an emergency please follow all evacuation procedures.
Wheelchair access	SEA LIFE Weymouth is fully accessible.
Lost children	Please report to member of staff.
Unruly children	The attraction has regulations displayed at the entrance. Staff are trained to enforce these regulations for the benefit of all guests. Staff will instruct children to behave where necessary. Children should be supervised by an adult at all times.
Age / height restrictions	The minimum age restriction for children to enter the attraction without an adult is 16; any child 15 and under must be accompanied by someone over the age of 18.
Lockers / storage facilities	There are no lockers or storage facilities.
Eating facilities	SEA LIFE Weymouth does not have a Schools Lunch Room onsite. However, we do have outdoor picnic areas throughout the Park. We also have a café open all year and an additional seasonal café. Please note, we do not have a facility to store lunches or bags.
Welfare facilities	There are toilets located on entry and by the Caribbean Cove Adventure Play Area. Additional toilet facilities outside the main café, open during peak times of the year.
Additional costs	There is a retail outlet and picture booth where additional funds may be appropriate.
Attraction signposting	SEA LIFE Weymouth is a free flow attraction. We would therefore recommend splitting and exploring in smaller groups with assigned meeting points at certain times. Once your class has entered the attraction, you may be able to leave and re-enter.

The purpose of this document is to enable schools / groups to use the information provided for the development of visit risk assessments in order to satisfy the obligations placed by the Health and Safety at Work Act and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations. The above hazards have been identified as being inherent to this attraction. Merlin Entertainments Group Ltd does not accept liability for any omissions to this list. Control measures indicated are recommendations only and must be adapted / amended by group organisers. Please ensure adequate supervisors are appointed for the number in your group.