

Risk Assessment

Grattan Beach, Salthill



Grattan Beach has two states, Low & High Tide.
These dual environments, have similar hazards to be aware of.

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Grattan beach would be identified as a sandy beach, with dunes, and drift seaweed on the shore or strandline.

It has a sand dune area and grassy area with some walkways (of varied types).

At low tide there would be loose stony areas and slippery seaweed beds.

Many rocks have sharp points both geological and ecological (meaning sharp shells Acorn Barnacles and Keel worms).



As it is a beach it is home to many hazards. As we will not be participating in swimming activities we are omitting these risks.

IMPACT x PROBABILITY	NOT SIGNIFICANT Negligible injuries not needing medical treatment	MINOR Minor injuries causing temporary impairment needing medical treatment	MODERATE Illness and/or injury requiring hospitalization	MAJOR Illness and/or injury resulting in permanent impairment	SEVERE Fatality
HIGHLY UNLIKELY Rare chance of an occurrence	LOW	LOW	LOW/MED	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
UNLIKELY Not likely to occur under normal circumstances	LOW	LOW/MED	LOW/MED	MEDIUM	MED/HIGH
POSSIBLE May occur at some point under normal circumstances	LOW	LOW/MED	MEDIUM	MED/HIGH	MED/HIGH
LIKELY Expected to occur at some point in time	LOW	LOW/MED	MEDIUM	MED/HIGH	HIGH
HIGHLY LIKELY Expected to occur regularly under normal circumstances	LOW/MED	MEDIUM	MED/HIGH	HIGH	HIGH

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RISK CONTROL MEASURES

Wearing warm/ waterproof clothing. When walking on sand wear appropriate shoes, don't run, or avoid dunes or lumps in sand when running.
Wear gloves. Have sanitiser and some spare bandages for small cuts. Be aware of tidal and weather conditions. Ensure your are well fed to cope with the physicality of walking along the beach.
If attending planned events arrive early to listen to health & safety briefing.

Falls & Slippage	POSSIBLE May occur at some point under normal circumstances	MINOR Minor injuries causing temporary impairment needing medical treatment	LOW/MED	Mitigation Strong Shoes, Sure Footing, Due Care when walking and avoiding Slippery Seaweeds. Avoid walking on rocks. NEVER walk backwards on a beach.
Cuts & Scrapes	POSSIBLE May occur at some point under normal circumstances	NOT SIGNIFICANT Negligible injuries not needing medical treatment	LOW	Mitigation Wearing gloves & Awareness of sharps under rocks.
Infections, Pathogens,& Poisons (Dog & Human fecal matter, and other water based infections)	LIKELY Expected to occur at some point in time	MODERATE Illness and/or injury requiring hospitalization	LOW/MEDIUM	Mitigation Avoid placing hand close to mouth and ears, keep hands clean and always sanitise hands when leaving beach. Check water quality notices https://www.galwaycity.ie/beaches
Sharps	LIKELY Expected to occur at some point in time	MINOR Minor injuries causing temporary impairment needing medical treatment	LOW/MEDIUM	Mitigation Wearing gloves & Awareness of objects that may be hidden under sand.

