

Farnborough Historic Wind Tunnels Visitor Safety

The safety of our visitors is the highest priority. Several volunteer guides will accompany the tour at all times and one individual from FAST will act as the Team Leader. Each FAST representative will be clearly identified by a yellow Hi-Viz jacket and the Team Leader will make themselves known to you at the beginning of the tour. Depending on the numbers of people we may need to split into two groups and each will be accompanied by one of our Subject Matter Experts.

1. A second volunteer guide will 'bring up the rear' of each group and a third guide is available to provide any extra assistance that may be required on the way. There are also several safety matters to consider and please listen carefully to the following briefing. If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them in a moment.
2. It is essential that we keep you all safe during this visit. There are trip and head height hazards, the lighting levels are relatively low in some places and we need you all to be particularly careful when moving around - especially inside the large wind tunnel.
3. Remain with your designated group at all times and do not wander off on your own or split up into smaller groups. We must keep to the rules set by the site owners and please follow these instructions carefully.
 - **Personal Torches**
 - As you enter the large tunnel, each of you will be issued with a torch. This also acts as your 'ID' badge. Please ensure it is in full working order before embarking on the visit, and wear it around your neck using the lanyard. It is designed to assist with your safety while walking so as far as possible, keep it pointed downwards and avoid shining the light in people's eyes. Please return your torches at the end of the tour.
 - **Tripping and Head Height Hazards**
 - There are in places a number of potential tripping and head height hazards. Your guides will point them out as you move through the tunnels but please do remain vigilant and tread carefully as lighting levels throughout the tour are low and in places variable.
 - **Space Restrictions**
 - There are places where movement is restricted due to narrow passages. This is particularly the case within the large tunnel where the cascades used for shaping the air-flow are situated. Take extra care when passing through and ensure your fellow visitors are also safely managing..
 - **Discomfort and Comfort Break**
 - If you need the lavatory or for whatever reason wish to leave the group before the tour is complete or you begin to feel uncomfortable or unwell at any stage, please let one of the guides know immediately so you can be escorted safely as required
 - **Emergency Exits and Procedures**
 - These will be pointed out by your guides and are clearly sign-posted. Should there be a need to leave the facility for any reason, please follow the guide's instructions and remain calm.
 - **Assembly Points and External Safety**
 - The external assembly point is located at R133, the small building by the parking area. Should we need to evacuate, please go directly to the Assembly Point and remain there until a guide has spoken to you and recovered your torch. The roads around the tunnel and associated buildings are in constant use; please keep a good look out for traffic..
 - **Photography**
 - You are more than welcome to take pictures but these must be for personal use only and please be very careful when using flashguns in the darker areas.