Preventive conservation and agents of deterioration

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Ten agents of deterioration

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- Thieves and vandals
- Fire
- Water

PLUS ONE:
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- Radiation
- Incorrect relative humidity
- Incorrect temperature
保护文物
HELP PROTECT THE CULTURAL RELICS
爱护栏杆
HELP PROTECT THE RAILINGS
L’Aquila earthquake: 6 April 2009
Munch Museum armed robbery : 22 August 2004
The Vyne : 20 July 2007
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Wordsworth House: 19 November 2009
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Preventive conservation

• Conservators can be the enablers of sustainable access
• Welcome the benefits of increased access
  – Help financial bottom line
  – Allow more people to share in experience of seeing authentic objects in context
• Use risk management