

Walk Leaders Risk Assessment

Area/District:

Route:

Date:

Assessment carried out by:

Please tick all hazards that apply to this route and **cross through those that do not**. Where a hazard is present, **please add a location**. The grey sections will then need to be read for all present hazards.

Hazard	Applicable to This Walk? Please Tick	Who Might Be Harmed?	How Is the Risk Controlled?
Traffic/roads Please add walk specific details (e.g. Names of specific roads):		All walkers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warn walkers in pre-walk talk. • Cross at safer places (e.g. zebra crossings). • Keep group together. • Wear hi-vis vests.
Dual use paths (e.g. cycling and walking) Name of path: Where on route:		All walkers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform group at the beginning of the walk if any of the route will be on shared use paths. • Keep to one side of the path, check the group is not drifting across path. • Ask walkers to help warn others of bikes approaching. • Take extra care when crossing.
Dog's mess		All, particularly children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warn in pre-walk talk. • Warn as necessary on route.
Dogs		All, particularly those fearful of dogs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warn in pre-walk talk and as necessary on route. • Keep nervous walkers away from dogs and warn dog owner to keep dog away from group. • If dogs are allowed on walks they should be kept on a lead at all times.
Over hanging branches		All.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warn in pre-walk talk and as necessary on route.
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Weather Add specific details (e.g. very exposed?):		All, particularly those that are frailer and those that aren't dressed appropriately.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check walkers' clothing at beginning of walk. • Take water, hats, raincoats, etc. • Be aware of places to shelter. • Abandon the walk if necessary. • Warn walkers of slippery and muddy areas before and during walk.
Other people		All.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep walking group together. • Be considerate of others - avoid blocking entrance ways and paths. • Move past any potentially threatening group avoiding eye contact. • Carry an attack alarm, should you feel there is cause to do so. • Have a charged mobile to hand.
Slips, trips and falls Please note specifics (e.g. running water nearby, slippery/ uneven path etc.):		All walkers particularly those with balance difficulties/mobility issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warn in pre-walk talk and as necessary on route. • Help walkers around muddy spots, narrow paths, etc. • Abandon walk if path accessibility is very bad. Or have another route in mind through unpassable areas.
Inclines Please note specifics:		All walkers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warn in pre-walk talk. • Allow everyone to take inclines at their own pace. • Rest at hill tops and wait for group.
Stiles		All, particularly those with balance difficulties/ mobility issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warn in pre-walk talk. • Help walkers as necessary over stiles.
New walkers		All, particularly the new walkers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be extra vigilant whilst walking. • Buddy new walker with a regular walker or another walk leader. • Accompany (or ask someone else to) the new walker back to base if necessary. • Have rest spots and benches in mind for stops.
Watercourses		All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warn in pre-walk talk. • Ask walkers to keep away from edges with no barriers. • Bring walkers' attention to warning signs and life rings.
Other Risks Not Already Identified			
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