

Walk Leaders Risk Assessment Template

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.
Dogs 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.
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.
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 the new walker back to base if necessary.
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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