

Risk assessment sheet

Route: GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT to accompany all walk risk assessments

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| Hazard | Who might be harmed? | How can the risk be controlled? | What further action is needed to control the risk? |
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| The size of a block of walkers within a busy location. Reaction may be slowed. Hazards may go unnoticed. | Walkers, other road users/pedestrians | Avoid busy thoroughfares with high traffic usage. Alert group of hazards, narrow pavements, to keep to one side, walk singly, in pairs etc. Raise awareness amongst group. | Review walk route accordingly e.g. awareness of tourist season/school holidays and impact of increased public footfall in walking area. |
| Cyclists and runners on paths | Walkers Cyclists Runners | Warnings from Walk Leader & Back Marker & informing Walkers to keep to the right of paths/ or follow markings on path. | Inform all walkers at start of walk. Alert group to importance of shouted warnings passed through the group. |
| All vehicles on minor roads. Traffic approaching suddenly. | Walkers Drivers | Keep to footpaths or single file on left side of road if no footpath. Walk in same direction as traffic so group is walking away from vehicle | Inform all walkers at start of walk. Alert group to importance of shouted warnings passed through the group. |

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| | | <p>approaching from rear.</p> <p>Warnings from Walk Leader & Back Marker.</p> | |
| Crossing roads | <p>All pedestrians</p> <p>Cyclists</p> <p>Drivers</p> | <p>Use traffic light crossings, marked pedestrian crossings, bollarded refuge areas, or cross (away from bends) where there is a clear view of the traffic.</p> | <p>Inform all walkers at start of walk that they cross at their own risk and only to cross when safe to do so and to use centre refuges.</p> |
| Crossing train lines | <p>All pedestrians</p> <p>Cyclists</p> <p>Drivers</p> | <p>Use light controlled or level crossings where possible.</p> <p>Always follow the light signals.</p> <p>Do not cross on flashing lights.</p> | <p>Try to ensure that everyone can cross together. Avoid the route if very slow or incapacitated walkers on the walk.</p> |
| Wet or wintry conditions | Walkers | <p>Inform all walkers of possible slippery surfaces due to ice, wet leaves & debris. Alert group to possible muddy conditions.</p> | <p>Suggest that all walkers wear suitable footwear & clothing for the walk and weather conditions. This is also stated in the walk programme.</p> |
| River flooding. After flooding there may be mud on footpaths and roads by the river. | Walkers | <p>Inform all walkers of possible slippery surfaces due to ice, wet leaves & debris. Alert group to possible muddy conditions.</p> | <p>Take a different route if path is unsuitable.</p> |