Every walk is different, so complete a risk assessment for each one you lead to help you plan and make a note of the steps you are taking to keep walkers safe. After a walk, risk assessments should be stored for three years. Each walk leader can keep their own risk assessments, or groups can choose someone to look after them.

Have a great walk!

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| **Who is leading the walk?** |  | **Name:** | **Group:** |

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| **Dates** (DD/MM/YY) |  | **Walk:** | **Risk assessment:** | **Recce:** |

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| **Hazards**  **Make a note of any hazards to walkers or others on your route** | | **Precautions**  **Tick the boxes that apply and add any others – you don’t need to tick every box.** | |  |
| **Weather**  What is the forecasted weather? Is there any danger of extreme temperatures, heavy rainfall or other severe weather events? |  | Check the weather forecast and postpone/cancel if necessary | |  |
| Advise walkers to bring suitable clothing and items for the conditions | |  |
| Make a note of ‘escape routes’ on the recce | |  |
| Other/Detail: | | |
| **Traffic**  Do you need to cross or walk along a road? Are there any level crossings? |  | Check for suitable crossing places on the recce | |  |
| Communicate clearly with the group on the day | |  |
| Maintain single file on any road sections | |  |
| Other/Detail: | | |
| **Path surface and obstacles**  Are there hazards such as slippery paths, loose rocks, stiles, fallen trees, steep drops? |  | Check for hazards on the recce and adapt the route if needed | |  |
| Provide clear information to walkers beforehand | |  |
| Advise walkers to bring suitable footwear for the conditions | |  |
| Other/Detail: | | |
| **Animals**  Will you pass livestock? Is there any danger of ticks or bites/stings? |  | Let walkers know to cross fields with livestock calmly and quietly, keeping the group together. Be prepared to divert if needed | |  |
| Leave gates and property as you find them | |  |
| Advise walkers to check for ticks and remove promptly if found | |  |
| Other/Detail: | | |
| **Communications**  Is there a chance you could get lost, lose touch with walkers, lose visibility or phone signal? |  | Recce the route in advance | |  |
| Pre-register phone with 999 emergency text service | |  |
| Let somebody know your plans and the time you expect to be back | |  |
| Other/Detail: | | |
| **Other**  Add any other hazards on your walk here. |  | Follow any national or local Covid-19 restrictions |  | |
| Other/Detail: | | |

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