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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