



# Group Walks | Risk Assessment

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!

<b>Who is leading the walk?</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Group:</b>
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<b>Dates</b> (DD/MM/YY)	<b>Walk:</b>	<b>Risk assessment:</b>	<b>Recce:</b>
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<b>Hazards</b> Make a note of any hazards to walkers or others on your route	<b>Precautions</b> Tick the boxes that apply and add any others – you don't need to tick every box.	
<b>Weather</b> 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:	

<p><b>Traffic</b> Do you need to cross or walk along a road? Are there any level crossings?</p>	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:	
<p><b>Path surface and obstacles</b> Are there hazards such as slippery paths, loose rocks, stiles, fallen trees, steep drops?</p>	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:	
<p><b>Animals</b> Will you pass livestock? Is there any danger of ticks or bites/stings?</p>	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:	



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<p><b>Communications</b></p> <p>Is there a chance you could get lost, lose touch with walkers, lose visibility or phone signal?</p>		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:	
<p><b>Other</b></p> <p>Add any other hazards on your walk here.</p>		Follow any national or local Covid-19 restrictions	
		Other/Detail:	

If you have any questions about **Ramblers group walks**, please get in touch: [volunteersupport@ramblers.zendesk.com](mailto:volunteersupport@ramblers.zendesk.com)