

Risk Assessment – Chorley & District Natural History Society - Walks

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1	Improbable	1	No or trivial injury/illness
2	Unlikely	2	Minor Injury/Illness
3	Even Chance	3	3+ Days Lost Time Injury/Illness
4	Likely	4	Major Injury/Severe Incapacity
5	Almost Certain	5	Death(s)

Likelihood	5	5	10	15	20	25
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	1	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5
		Severity				

	Insignificant
	Low
	Moderate
	High
	Intolerable

Hazard/ Task/ Activity	Type of Harm	Who might be harmed	Pre- Control Risk Rating	Existing Controls	Additional Controls/ Comment	Post- Control Risk Rating
Parking cars, getting out & meeting	Trips, falls, serious injury, death	Members, Visitors	10	Members used to taking care.	Where possible arrange to meet in a car park. If not agree a suitable quiet road with adequate parking space. State where to park on advertising information. Car share to reduce number or required parking spaces	5
Walking along roads sometimes without footpaths.	Trips, falls, serious injury, death	Members, Visitors	10	Members used to taking care. Mandatory speed limits. Member to carry first aid kit and mobile phone	Remind members & participants to take care. Walk leader to look out for traffic and advise group.	5
Crossing roads	Trips, falls, serious injury, death	Members, Visitors	10	Members used to taking care. Mandatory speed limits. Member to carry first aid kit and mobile phone	Caution members & visitors. Agree safe place to cross. Cross as a group.	5
Uneven paths / slippery paths	Slips, trips and falls	Members, Visitors	9	Member to carry first aid kit and mobile phone. Members used to taking care	Advise members and visitors about terrain before starting walk e.g. advertising info, via website and verbally at start of walk.	6
Stiles	Trips and falls	Members, Visitors	4	Member to carry first aid kit and mobile phone. Members used to taking care	Advise members and visitors stiles e.g. advertising info, via website and verbally at start of walk. Leader to wait until whole group safely over stile. Advise not to rush.	2

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Inclement weather	Illness	Members, Visitors	9	Weather forecasts	Walk leader to check members and visitors are suitably clothed. Walk leader advise group re expected weather conditions. Walker leader carry a spare Pocket-Mac	6
Farm animals, wild animals, dogs, etc	Bites, kicks, stings, allergic reactions	Members, Visitors	15	Member to carry first aid kit and mobile phone.	Walk leader to advise group not to encourage animals to approach. Walk quietly through fields with farm animals and avoid making eye contact. When appropriate, consider taking alternative route. Keep together as one group. Dogs to be kept on leads when near farm animals	10
Plants (including berries and fungi) Insects	Allergic reactions, hay fever, anaphylactic shock, poison	Members, Visitors	15	Member to carry first aid kit and mobile phone. Personal epipens and medication	Knowledgeable members to advise group re poisonous plants. Avoid eating / touching poisonous plants. Participants with serious allergies to inform walk leader.	10
Rivers, canals, ponds and other bodies of water	Falling in, chills, drowning	Members, Visitors	15	Some locations – life rings Members used to walking along riversides etc and taking care	Walk leader to advise group to take care. If path is dangerous, make a suitable detour. Keeps dogs etc. Under control	10

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Unfamiliar location (to member / visitor)	Getting lost, panic, kidnap	Members, Visitors	10		Walkleader to keep group together. Anyone leaving early to report to group leader. Walk leader to recce walk beforehand.	5
Coronavirus	Illness or death	Members, Visitors	16		Maintain social distancing of minimum 2m. If group is >6 then split into smaller sub-groups of 6 or less.	4