



Standard Risk Assessment No. 5

Code of practice	Activity	Location/s	Person/s covered
10	Field trip or guided walk	Outdoor sites and reserves	Field trip organiser, participants, public

		LIKELIHOOD		
		Unlikely	Possible	Highly likely
SEVERITY	Slight	Trivial. No action	Low. Control. Notify later	Medium. Control. Notify later
	Major	Low. Control. Notify later	Medium. Control. Notify later	High. Eliminate risk or STOP! and notify now
	Severe	Medium. Control. Notify later.	High. Eliminate risk or STOP! and notify now	High. STOP! and notify now.

NB. If working on a BC reserve then refer to the Site Hazard Map in conjunction with this risk assessment.

Common Hazards	Risk	Existing controls	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating
Long walk and / or arduous conditions	Tiredness leading to accident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend route Leader to watch for signs of fatigue Take regular breaks 	Possible	Slight	Low
Mud, boggy ground	Slipping, injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise on risk Wear appropriate footwear Avoid area if possible 	Possible	Major	Medium
Steep Slopes	Slipping, falling, injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise on risk Wear appropriate footwear Avoid area if possible 	Possible	Major	Medium
Gates, stiles, barbed wire fences	Slipping, injury, cuts, sprains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure gates opened and closed correctly Avoid climbing over barbed wire fences Ensure firm footing when stepping on wet stiles Assist young, old and infirm over stiles Always carry out a recce of the route you will take so that you are aware of any issues on route 	Possible	Slight	Low
Uneven ground/tree stumps, brambles	Tripping and falling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise on risk Avoid where possible 	Possible	Major	Medium
Weather	Exposure/sunstroke Dehydration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise on risk Wear appropriate clothing/sunscreen Drink plenty of water. 	Possible	Major	Medium

	Injury from debris if windy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancel field trip if winds exceed 40 mph 			
Plants	Rashes, scratches, infections, poison, photo-sensitivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise on risk Wear suitable clothing etc Use barrier creams where necessary The sap of some plants cause phytophotodermatitis (photo-sensitivity) which can be very painful. Check whether these plants are on site and advise attendees not to touch these plants if so The most common plant which causes phytophotodermatitis is Wild Parsnip (<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>). 	Possible	Slight	Low
Dust, pollen, spores,	Allergy/Asthma attack/Hay fever	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise on risk Known sufferers to take appropriate precautions & carry medication. 	Possible	Slight	Low
Insects	Bites, stings, Lyme disease (ticks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise on risk Use insect repellents / cover bare skin Check body for ticks upon returning home. Advise attendees on what to do if bitten/symptoms apparent. Carry a tick removal tool. 	Possible	Major	Medium
Adders	Bite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise on Adder identification, behaviour to avoid, know what to do if bitten and any likely sites adders to be found 	Unlikely	Major	Low
People	Injury and / or fatigue to young, old and infirm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children must be accompanied by an adult. Leader to watch for signs of fatigue and regulate pace and/or duration of trip. First aid kit / mobile phone / OS map / GPS / nearest Post Code / What Three Words app / water to be carried as appropriate. 	Unlikely	Major	Low
Animals	Dogs – fighting, allergic phobia, tripping Stock – phobia, injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep on lead / exclude from trip / if possible avoid contact. Avoid where possible. 	Possible	Major	Medium
Open Water	Drowning Weil's Disease Stomach Upsets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise on risk Avoid open water where possible Do not drink water from site Cover open wounds 	Unlikely	Major	Low

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash hands before eating or handling food. 			
Cars and car parking	Break-ins whilst parked Damage whilst parked Injury from moving vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform all those attending the Field visit to take all their valuables with them and not to leave them in the car. Items left out of sight in the boot are also at risk and nothing of value should be left in the boot. If vehicles are allowed on site then inform all those attending and ask them to be vigilant. 	Possible	Slight	Low

Date	13/4/21
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Assessor: Review specific site conditions and activities and record any additional hazards and controls.					
Site:		Assessor:		Date:	
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