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| **Walk Event Risk Assessment***This is a general risk assessment highlighting potential risk associated with walking events. Please add information specific to your event/modify as necessary.* |

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| **Hazard** | **Person at Risk** | **Risk Rating****High (H), Medium (M), Low (L)** | **Actions to minimise risk** | **Notes** |
| Health conditions | Walkers/leaders | **L** | * Walk leader to request if any member of the group has any medical or any physical condition that they need to be made aware.
* Has walker sought medical advice before attending?
* Have they brought their own medication? (walk leaders should not administer any medication)
* Leaders to be emergency first aid trained and to carry emergency first aid kit.
* In the event of an accident or someone feeling unwell to alert any member of the leading team.
* Dial 999 in emergencies. For non-emergencies dial 111
 | Ask people for specific medical issues. [NAME] to have medical kit available.Access points for Emergency Services (see attached map) |
| Road crossings and traffic | Walkers/leaders | **M** | * Caution when walking on or crossing road
* Leaders to be aware where crossings are on route.
* Inform walkers at beginning of walk that there will be road crossings. Walk leader to assist walkers over crossing.
* Use whistles where necessary.
* Walking in direction of approaching traffic unless on a blind corner,
* During the introduction talk highlight the hazards of quiet roads and the need to keep children/dogs under control.
* Leaders to be aware where road crossing locations are in order to be prepared to supervise crossing once reached.
* All road side walking on this walk will have access to pedestrian pavements
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| Slipping/Tripping | Walkers/leaders | **L** | * Inform walkers at beginning of walk about terrain to be covered, advise of correct footwear to be worn, Individuals then aware of terrain and own risk.
* Walk leader to advise that path will be mostly soft and stable ground, some sections of sandy, loose stones and uneven surfaces – particularly along cliff top path and in wooded areas where ground may also be boggy.
* Walk leader to warn about uneven ground that could potentially be trip hazards – particularly in wooded sections of the walk (tree roots, low hanging branches, wet mud).
 | Steep slopes, wet leaves, brambles present, so warn walkers |
| Weather | Walkers/leaders | **L** | * Walk leader to review weather conditions on the day
* Walk leaders to ensure walkers have appropriate clothing and footwear, waterproofs etc.
 | Weather forecast |
| Exposure, Exhaustion, Dehydration | Walkers/leaders |   **L** | * Inform walkers at beginning of walk
* Ensure walker have adequate water supply/ food/snacks, sunscreen.
* Leader to take regular walking breaks when appropriate
 | Tell them [length of walk] and [duration] |
| Vegetation | Walkers/leaders | **L** | * Caution to be taken around gorse, nettles and brambles to avoid being stung/scratched
 | Warn walkers in advance. Some additional cutting of vegetation maybe required prior to walk. |
| Wildlife / threatening animals | Walkers/leaders | **L** | * Ticks, Wasps, insect bites – Walk leader to advise group prior to starting walk
* Dogs
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| Public disorder/aggression | Walkers/leaders | **L** | * It’s recommended two members of staff to be present at all times when public are present.
* Dial 999 in emergency or NHS 111 in non-emergency cases.
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| Need for toilet facilities | Walkers/leaders | **L** | * Walk leaders to know locations of public conveniences
 | Tell them about locations of loos, and route walk past them if possible. |
| Extra Risk Assessment |  |  |  |  |

**Emergency access points on all roads (insert route map below)**

*Find grid references at* [*www.gridreferencefinder.com*](http://www.gridreferencefinder.com)

* POINT 1