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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 |  |
| 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 |  |
| 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. |  |
| 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