



ADRC Group Walk Hazard Appraisal – Issue 4, 05.05.22

Please use this ADRC Group Walk Hazard Appraisal to assist you in identifying possible hazards or risks on every ADRC group walk that you lead, and the measures that you can take to minimise/eliminate those hazards and risks. ADRC consider those at potential risk as being; Walking Leaders/Participants and the General Public, through the risk of illness, injury, death of the group, or an individual. It is recommended that copies should be kept for one year following the date of your walk.

This document is to be read in conjunction with the current version of the ADRC "Guidelines for Members Taking Part in Club Walks". Neither of the documents are to be considered as definitive - and both are subject to change. Walking Participants shall include; Club Members, Guests of Club Members and Prospective new Club Members.

All ADRC walks are to follow the Countryside Code (England and Wales) and Access Code (Scotland) at all times.

Date of Walk	Walk Leader(s)	Walk Location	Reconnoitre Date	Hazard Appraisal Assessment Date

Possible or Actual Walk Hazard	Ways to Control the Impact of the Hazard	Control Measures or Risk Mitigation
Extreme Weather Conditions	Check the weather forecast and postpone/cancel if necessary. Advise walkers to bring suitable clothing and equipment for the conditions.	
	Have escape routes in mind having identified these during the recce. Abandon the walk and use these as required.	
	Regularly count the group number and discreetly check their condition.	
Road Traffic	Advise the group when walking on roads/lanes of the possibility of traffic and the need to walk in single file on one side of the road.	
	When crossing any road where traffic is a possibility choose a suitable crossing point.	
Livestock	Advise the group of caution required when entering areas where livestock are present, cross the area in small groups and keep to field edges.	
	When passing through gates where livestock are present appoint a "gate guard" to ensure no animals get through and close gates or leave as found.	
Steep, slippery or muddy sections on the walk	Check for steep/muddy/slippery sections on the recce and change the route if possible.	

	Advise of steep/muddy/slippy sections in the walk description and also during the walk.	
Cliffs and/or sheer drops/scrambling	Check for cliffs/sheer drops/scrambling on the recce and change the route if possible.	
	Advise of cliffs/ sheer drops/scrambling in the walk description and also during the walk.	
	If scrambling is involved advice is to be given by the leader or a competent and knowledgeable person.	
Rivers and Stream	Check wide/deep river crossing e.g. stepping stones and/or fast moving streams in times of high rainfall	
	Check river banks for any under cutting or steep sides	
Woods and Plantations	Check general secure condition of tress, fallen trees	

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