



Group Walks | Risk Assessment

Every walk is different, so complete a risk assessment for each one you lead to help you plan and make a note of the steps you are taking to keep walkers safe.

Completing a risk assessment will ensure that not just you but the people who join you on the walk will be covered by third party liability insurance.

This risk assessment should be completed and emailed to recces@swansearamblers.org.uk BEFORE the walk takes place.

Who is leading the walk?	Name:	Group: Swansea
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Dates (DD/MM/YY)	Date of Walk: xx/xx/20xx	Date completing Risk Assessment: xx/xx/20xx	Date(s) of Recce(s): xx/xx/20xx
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Hazards Make a note of any hazards to walkers or others on your route		Precautions Tick/Cross the boxes that apply and add any others – you don't need to tick/cross every box. Use the Other/Detail section if you have comments not covered by the supplied checks		X
Weather What is the forecasted weather? Is there any danger of extreme temperatures, heavy rainfall or other severe weather events?		Check the weather forecast and postpone/cancel if necessary		
		Advise walkers to bring suitable clothing and items for the conditions		
		Make a note of 'escape routes' on the recce		
		Other/Detail:		

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Traffic Do you need to cross or walk along a road? Are there any level crossings?		Check for suitable crossing places on the recce	
		Communicate clearly with the group on the day	
		Maintain single file on any road sections	
		Other/Detail:	
Path surface and obstacles Are there hazards such as slippery paths, loose rocks, stiles, fallen trees, steep drops?		Check for hazards on the recce and adapt the route if needed	
		Provide clear information to walkers beforehand	
		Advise walkers to bring suitable footwear for the conditions	
		Other/Detail:	
Animals Will you pass livestock? Is there any danger of ticks or bites/stings?		Let walkers know to cross fields with livestock calmly and quietly, keeping the group together. Be prepared to divert if needed	
		Leave gates and property as you find them	
		Advise walkers to check for ticks and remove promptly if found	
		Other/Detail:	

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Communications Is there a chance you could get lost, lose touch with walkers, lose visibility or phone signal?		Recce the route in advance	
		Pre-register phone with 999 emergency text service	
		Let somebody know your plans and the time you expect to be back	
		Other/Detail:	
Other Add any other hazards on your walk here.		Follow any national or local Covid-19 restrictions	
		Other/Detail:	

If you have any questions about **Ramblers group walks**, please get in touch: volunteersupport@ramblers.zendesk.com