



Standard Risk Assessment No. 11

				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.
Code of Practice	Activity	Location/s	Person/s covered					
22	Monitoring and recording	Outdoor sites and reserves	Transect walkers and recorders					

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

If working alone or in a remote area use a buddy system. For emergencies carry first aid kit, mobile phone, OS map, GPS, water, as appropriate					
Common Hazards	Risk	Existing controls	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating
Long walk and/or arduous conditions	Tiredness leading to fatigue and accident	Take regular breaks Ensure you have a supply of water and food.	Possible	Slight	Low
Mud, boggy ground	Slipping, injury	Wear appropriate footwear Avoid area if possible especially following inclement weather	Possible	Major	Medium
Steep Slopes	Slipping, falling, injury	Wear appropriate footwear Avoid area if possible especially following inclement weather	Possible	Major	Medium
Gates, stiles, barbed wire fences	Slipping, injury, cuts	Ensure gates opened and closed correctly Avoid climbing over barbed wire fences if possible Ensure firm footing when stepping on wet stiles	Possible	Slight	Low
Uneven ground/tree stumps	Tripping and falling	Avoid where possible Know what to do in the event of a fall	Possible	Major	Medium
Hot sunny weather	Sunburn, sunstroke Exposure, dehydration	Wear appropriate clothing. Have a good supply of water. Apply sunscreen. Seek shade. Drink plenty of water.	Possible	Major	Medium
Plants	Rashes, scratches, infections.	Wear suitable clothing etc Use barrier creams and plasters/coverings where necessary	Possible	Slight	Low

Dust, pollen, spores	Allergy Asthma attack Hay fever	Known sufferers to take appropriate precautions, have medication with them. In the event of an asthma attack, seek medical attention immediately.	Possible	Slight	Low
Insects etc	Bites, stings, Lyme disease	Use insect repellents. Cover bare skin. Avoid long vegetation where possible. Check for ticks regularly and remove promptly and carefully with appropriate removal tool. Know what to do if bitten or symptoms develop. An allergic reaction to a sting may result in anaphylactic shock. The casualty should be laid down with legs raised, their Adrenaline autoinjector (AAI), eg epi-pen, administered, 999 called, and, if no improvement, a second AAI used. The casualty remain laying down until the ambulance arrives. Anaphylaxis - NHS (www.nhs.uk) Carry tick removal cards.	Possible	Major	Medium
Adders	Bite/poison	Know any likely sites where adders might be found. If bitten, seek medical attention immediately, Do not attempt to remove venom or leave an injured person alone.	Unlikely	Major	Low
Other people	Threatening or abusive behaviour	Withdraw if confronted. If attacked or threatened, leave the area where possible and contact police.	Unlikely	Major	Low
Animals	Dogs – fighting, allergic phobia, tripping Livestock – phobia, injury	If necessary to take a dog, keep on lead at all times. Where possible, avoid contact with livestock and domestic animals.	Possible	Major	Medium
Open Water	Slipping, falling. Weils Disease Stomach Upsets	Avoid open water where possible. Do not drink water from site. Clean hands thoroughly before eating.	Unlikely	Major	Low
Working From Heights	Trees, ladders, working above ground level	Avoid working at any heights where reasonably practical. Where working at heights cannot be avoided, ensure safety measures are in place i.e. safety equipment, PPE, no lone working. Do not use ladders unless trained to do so.	Unlikely	Major	Medium

		Working from heights is frequently occurring, training should be undertaken.			
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Date	26th March 2021
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Countersigned	Russel Hobson

Assessor: Review specific site conditions and activities and record any additional hazards and controls.						
Site:		Assessor:			Date:	
Common Hazards	Risk	Existing controls	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating	