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| **Possible hazards** | **Who might be harmed and how?** | **Ways to control the risk** | **Action taken?** **Tick box** |
| Bad weather (including extreme temperatures) | Walkers - risk of illness and injury, risk of the group being stranded | 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. |  |
| Busy roads | Walkers – risk of vehicle collisions | Avoid routes along busy roads and/or check for suitable crossing places on the recce. |  |
| Steep,slippery or muddy sections | Walkers – risk of trips/slips | Check for muddy/slippery sections on the recce and adapt the route if necessary. Advise walkers to bring suitable footwear for the conditions. |  |
| Livestock | Walkers – risk of injuryRisk of property damage if livestock escape | Cross fields with livestock calmly and quietly, keeping the group together. Be prepared to divert around livestock if necessary.Follow the Countryside code. Leave gates and property as you find them. |  |
| Cliffs or sheer drops | Walkers – risk of falls | Check paths are suitable for group to use safely and make changes if necessary.Follow any local warnings or signs and advise walkers to keep away from the edge |  |
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