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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 injury  Risk 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 |  |
| Dogs | Trip hazard | Dogs with group should be on leash |  |
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| Other |  |  |  |
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**Risk Assessment Form** **for Walking Groups**