

SAMPLE RISK ASSESSMENT



Hazard	Nature of Risk	Degree of Risk	Prevention/control measure	Adjusted degree of risk
1) Weather conditions				
a) Cold, wet or windy weather	Cold/chill factor, potential of hypothermia.	Moderate	Inform people to wear windproof, waterproof warm clothing, and appropriate footwear to prevent slipping.	Low
2) Night hazards				
a) Reduced visibility	Poor visibility leading to increased likelihood of slipping or tripping.	Moderate	Carry torch with spare bulb and battery or a back-up torch. Check site during daylight prior to night visit.	Low
b) Disorientation	Poor visibility leading to loss or disorientation of Patrollers.	Moderate	Keep together and carry a mobile phone(s), and listings of all Patrol mobile numbers. Where possible avoid lone working at night. Every child must be accompanied by an adult.	Low
c) Human factors	Risk of attack from passers-by.	Low	Assess intentions/behaviour of other people out at night.	Low
3) Road hazards				
a) Roads	Collision with passing cars.	High	Wear reflective clothing, especially at night, take care when crossing and working at the road's edge. Park safely in pre-designated areas. Do not attempt to rescue toads that are on the road surface. Ensure road signs are present at site.	Moderate
	Physical abuse from passers-by.	Moderate	Avoid confrontation.	Low
3) Pond/water hazards				
b) Biohazards	Tetanus.	High	Ensure cuts and scratches are covered with waterproof plasters or micropore tape and any new injuries are correctly treated. Any injuries must be treated and where appropriate tetanus vaccination recommended.	Low
	Lyme disease.	Low	Ensure that clothing gives adequate protection against tick bite, and check your body for ticks thoroughly at the end of the day. If flu-like symptoms occur seek medical advice.	Low
	Biting insects	Moderate	Keep skin covered up- if skin is exposed use protection against biting insects.	Low
4) Environmental/Geographical				
a) Geographical	Getting lost/disorientated.	Low-Moderate	Carry maps. Familiarise yourself with the site during daylight.	Low
b) Injury	Risk of injury from tripping, falling down verge, cutting self on fences (especially barb wire), bushes, trees, brambles.	Low	Take care on uneven terrain. Familiarise yourself with the site during daylight hours.	Low
5) Lone working				
a) Lone working	Injured and not being found.	Moderate	Buddy system: always inform someone when you set off for the Patrol and let them know when you are home safely. Carry a charged mobile phone.	Low

I(insert volunteer name), have read, understand and will take action to prevent/control for the above risks.

Signed: