

Walk Leader Risk Assessment Checklist

U3A Name	
Interest Group	
Date	Walk Name
Distance	Terrain Type

Before the walk		Yes (✓)
1	Provision of information to prospective walkers: a) Location b) Distance c) Timing d) Linear / Circular Route e) Terrain f) Height and climbs involved g) Level of fitness required h) Appropriate footwear & clothing i) Toilet / refreshment facilities en route j) What to bring – food / drink / compass / map / mobile phone k) Dogs permitted? l) Meeting point m) Public transport options n) Car parking facilities o) Need of walkers to bring emergency telephone numbers for next of kin and relevant medical details	

On the day		Yes (✓)
1	Check first aid kit & emergency blanket	
2	Briefing before starting out: a. Route b. Duration c. Terrain d. Known Hazards e. Emergency Arrangements – illness, exhaustion, accident, weather problems, terrain problems, lost contact with group f. Be prepared to advise inadequately equipped walkers not to go but they must make the final decision	
3	Appoint a backmarker	

During the walk		Yes (✓)
1	Stay at the front but make sure you can always see the backmarker	
2	Set an appropriate pace for the level of walk	
3	Check the route frequently	
4	Periodically count the number in the group	
5	Other(specify)	

Signed	Dated
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