

Footloose 303

Risk assessment / Advice sheet / Check list for Covid: April 2022.

Note - This risk assessment is supplemental to our walks risk assessments and is designed to cover the special risks associated with the coronavirus. While there are no longer specific regulations to follow, remember that the virus is easy to catch and people will differ in their attitude to being exposed to it.

Who might be harmed by the hazard / risk?

In almost all cases it is those on the walk who might be harmed. However, in a few limited cases it may be third parties e.g. other members of the public, staff in cafés and pubs.

Risk or hazard	What to do to reduce risk	Leader's check
Planning the walk		
Car sharing	Make sure that participants do not feel that they have to share transport. Opening windows also reduces risk of transmission.	
Cafés, tearooms and pubs	Check that the venue will be able to accommodate the walk participants safely. Tell participants in advance what the arrangements are so that they can decide on risks for themselves, and check whether face-coverings are needed when ordering. Venues that have at least some outdoor seating are useful.	
What to take with you / do before the walk		
Incident on walk which requires reduction in physical distancing	Carry a mask and hand sanitiser with you.	
On the walk - leader		
Physical distancing	Remind people to respect others' space and that not everyone will be comfortable with close physical proximity or want to eat/drink indoors at the end.	
Names in case of Covid infection	Note down who walks with you (Members of the committee have access to addresses phone numbers, etc.)	
On the walk - All walkers		
Physical distancing	Respect the space of others and recognise that people have different attitudes to distancing and risk.	
After the walk		
Soon after the walk a walker reports that they have caught Covid	Inform the other people on the walk either directly with a group email or via Mike W. Don't give out the person's name unless they have given you permission first.	
Any lessons learnt?	Report these back to Mike W.	

V6 April 2022 – Amended to reflect removal of coronavirus regulations – Stan

V5 7 May 2021 - Minor amendments including retention time period - Mike W

V4 April 2021 - Amendments / additions after changes in government regulations and guidance - Mike W

V3 July 2020 - Amendments / additions after review by Stan

V2 July 2020 - Minor amendments after review

V1 July 2020 - Based upon Ramblers association RA - Mike W