

RISK ASSESSMENT: TOAD PATROL

Hazard	Nature of risk	Degree of risk	Prevention/control measures	Adjusted degree of risk
1 - Weather conditions				
a) Cold, wet or windy weather	Hypothermia	Moderate	Wear appropriate waterproof and warm clothing. Inform group leader/other patroller if feeling cold/ill.	Low
2 - Road hazards				
a) Roads	Collision with passing cars	High	Wear reflective clothing and carry a torch at all times, take care when in/crossing road. Check thoroughly before entering road.	Moderate
3 - Nigh hazards				
a) Reduced visibility	Increased likelihood of tripping and slipping	Moderate	Carry a torch with spare batteries or a back-up torch. Visit site during the daytime prior to first patrol.	Low
b) Disorientation	Poor visibility leading to risk of disorientation	Moderate	Avoid lone working. Keep together and carry mobile phones. Every child must be accompanied by 2 adults.	Low
c) Human factors	Risk of attack	Low	Assess intentions of people, avoid confrontation. Carry mobile phone and keep communication with other patrollers	Low
4 - Ponds				
a) Deep water	Drowning	Low	Avoid working on waters edge, drop toads off away from edge. Buddy system when dropping toads at or around the pond.	Low
b) Biohazards	Pond water may contain bacteria that may cause disease (eg Leptospirosis/Weil's disease.	Low	Do not ingest. Cover all cuts with water proof plasters Wear gloves and wash hands after immersion in water, especially prior to eating. If feeling unwell after contact with pond water, seek medical attention.	Low
5- Environmental / Geographical				
a) Injury	Risk of injury from tripping, falling down verge, cutting self on fences, barb wire, bushes, trees , brambles.	Moderate	Familiarise yourself with the site during daylight hours. Always carry a torch with spare batteries. Avoid areas of Take care on uneven terrain.	Low / Moderate
6- Lone working				
a) Lone working	Injured and not gaining appropriate help	Moderate	No lone working. Buddy system always in place.	Low
6- Site specific hazard - please detail any other site specific hazards that have not been outlined above.				
a)				
b)				

I.....(insert surveyor name), have read and understood the above. I have assessed my patrol site and will continue to assess risks as and when they arise in order to undertake avoidance and precautionary measures. I will take action to prevent/control for the above risks. I will raise any issues, where appropriate, with a patrol leader or coordinator.

Signed.....

Date