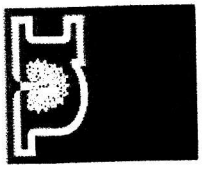




Risk Assessments – Surveying rights of way



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Basic rules which cover many risks:

- Take a mobile phone with you, having checked there is a signal and that batteries are charged
- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return
- Dress appropriately for the weather and take a snack and drink, bearing in mind the possibility of injury and that you may have to wait an hour or so for help
- Wear stout footwear which give adequate ankle protection and protection from falling objects such as tree branches

Hazard identified	Danger	Control measures
Walking and working on road surfaces or highway verges	Suction draught from high-sided vehicles. Hit by vehicle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk facing oncoming traffic if possible. • Park vehicles off-road where possible. • Survey in daylight hours.
Electric fences.	Electric shock (minor).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always assume electric fences are "live". Avoid contact.
Barbed wire.	Cuts and scratches to person or clothing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use walking stick/piece of wood to lay on barbed wire to press down to allow safe passage. • Fasten loose clothing before crossing over or past barbed wire.
Hedges/fences, walls, gates and stiles.	Falls when climbing over furniture, barriers. Trapped fingers or hands opening/closing gates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take care when climbing stiles, particularly in the wet. • Avoid climbing walls (use gaps, stiles or gates). • Wear stout footwear with good 'tread' and appropriate protective outdoor, eg thorn-proof jacket. • Report dangerous structure to office
Inspecting dangerous structures, e.g. collapsing walls/damaged bridges	Fall or slip. Crushed/hit by falling stone/masonry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep clear where there is debris already on ground adjacent to a collapsing wall. Notify office ASAP. • Do not jump on suspect bridge to test
Hazards from others accessing path	Injury incurred as a result of other users e.g. walkers horse riders, cyclists legal or illegal motorbikes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of personal safety from other member so f the public • Allow plenty of space for horse riders and avoid sudden movements • Avoid confrontation with the public legal or illegal, report to office ASAP
Offensive occupier	Subject to aggressive threatening behaviour, verbal or physical assault.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are caught unawares and feel threatened, leave the site. Notify office ASAP and fill in reporting form
Inspecting paths crossing golf courses.	Being struck by golf ball.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take care on golf courses, particularly when crossing fairways. Be alert to warning shouts. • Wear stout boots. Do not disturb waste - inform Office
Passing fly tipping of refuse, toxic materials and "sharps".	Cuts, inhalation of fumes, infection by medical waste or rotting materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe the situation from a safe distance.
Game shooting.	Risk of being shot.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make your presence known in advance by shouting.. Keep to the ROW
Threatened with firearm.	Risk of being shot.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the use of a gun is threatened or suspected, leave the scene immediately. Report the incident to the Police and to the Office (fill in report form)