

# Risk Assessment: Road Running

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Assessed by:</b>	<b>Location :</b>	<b>Review :</b>
29/03/23	Melanie Barker	Desk based	12 months

What are the Hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Risk Rating	What else can you do to control this risk?	Resultant Risk Rating	Action by whom	Target date	Complete
Obstacles/ underfoot conditions	Runners may be injured due to slips/trips/collision with obstacle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking runners to wear head torches once light is inadequate (reflected in wording on FB page so runners are aware prior to turning up and also stated in email when runners join club)</li> <li>• Good practice for all runners to point out any obstacles that are observed to the group</li> <li>• Good practice for leader to point out potential hazards at start of the session</li> <li>• Individuals run together if a light fails during the session</li> </ul>	M					
Cars and other vehicles on the road	Runners may be struck by vehicle on the road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Runners wear headtorches and hi-viz (raised on FB prior to every run)</li> <li>• Leader requests runners stay on the same side of the road, close to the side (generally facing traffic or to give best visibility of traffic)</li> <li>• Good practice for all runners to shout out to the group when a car is approaching</li> <li>• Increased awareness around junctions/ areas of faster road speed</li> </ul>	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep spare hi-viz vests at club in case runner has forgotten to bring</li> </ul>				

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Poor weather conditions	Poor weather may cause slippery underfoot conditions and/or flooding and/or poor visibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leader requests that runners are vigilant in these conditions at start of run</li> <li>• Leader changes route or session to avoid areas that are known to be particularly icy/ standing water or more dangerous due to visibility</li> <li>• Leader shortens session and/or stays local to the club/ close to better lit residential area</li> <li>• Pace changed to reflect the conditions</li> <li>• In very adverse conditions, decision made by chairman/group run leaders to cancel the session</li> </ul>	M					
Runner has inappropriate or kit that is not working appropriately	Runner injured due to incorrect kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good practice to point out laces undone/ head torch not working etc. during run so individual is aware and addresses as appropriate</li> <li>• Any special requirements are detailed using FB, in advance of the run</li> <li>• If a Leader was concerned about the kit of an individual, opportunity to raise in a positive way or make decision to amend run/doesn't allow runner to run on this occasion</li> </ul>	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When a new runner requests to join as a trial, state minimum kit requirements</li> </ul>				
Runner has medical episode on run	An individual may suffer a medical episode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaders allowing runners to flag up if struggling with pace/ give option to reduce reps</li> <li>• Leader stops session if unduly concerned with a runner's health</li> </ul>	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandating run leaders carry mobile phones for all runs</li> <li>• Requesting info on pre-existing medical conditions and details of who to contact in an emergency</li> </ul>	L			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A number of other runners are qualified first aiders (often through their job)</li> </ul>		<p>(to be stored in line with data protection requirements)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose run has first aid kit and briefing sheet that is available to all leaders and details protocol to be taken</li> </ul>				
Safeguarding	An inexperienced/ younger or disabled runner attends a session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All new starters are asked about ability to place them in the right running group (generally a step lower, with the opportunity to work up)</li> <li>• If it becomes apparent that it is not appropriate for a runner to keep running during a session, the leader would appoint another leader if available and return to the club with the individual (and preferably another person) or the whole group would need to return to the club</li> </ul>	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safeguarding Officer to be appointed. All club runners will be informed/ be aware.</li> </ul>				