

APPENDIX 6: GROUP RISK ASSESSMENT

Group Venue and area: Assessed by (leader's name): Date of Assessment:

Task/activity you are assessing?	Hazards which may be present or may be generated?	Who may be harmed by the hazards?	Precautions already in place to either eliminate or reduce the risk of an accident happening?	Additional precautions you may need to either eliminate or reduce the risk?
Group safety before first and every session	Venue /location Ability of participants Participants with known health problems injury/fitness – prior to session	Group leader Participants	• Ensure there is a safe place for belongings and that participants feel safe at the venue • The health disclaimer or organisation's own PARQ should be completed prior to the first session • The leader should retain a copy of the disclaimer/PARQ • The leader should retain contact details and a note of any medical conditions • Refer to GP if at all in doubt • Ensure medication is carried by participants where appropriate	
General safety on every session	Injury/illness unreported by participant Inappropriate clothing Visibility of group Possible dehydration or low energy Injury and illness during session Footwear	Group leader Participants	• Perform a visual check and health/injury enquiry before every session • Clothing should suit the conditions • Reflective tops should be mandatory • Next of kin contact details should be available • A UKA qualified leader must lead all sessions • New members should be pre-advised regarding water and food carrier part of beginner pack • Participants should have been advised to have eaten no more than two hours prior to the session • A clear policy on management of injured or ill runners is required • First aid must only be given if currently qualified • Advice on footwear can be given by the leader	• Keep a small stock for new members • Leader to carry: • Mobile phone • Water • Sugary snack • Count your group • Encourage a group member or leader to complete First Aid training

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Running routes	Uneven ground, potholes, slippery ground, mud, street furniture, debris, bins or rubbish bags Visibility Ability of the group	Group leader Participants	- Course has been checked for suitability within the guidelines advised in UKA Leadership Risk Assessment - Participants forewarned of route obstacles - Routes selected that have good lighting wherever possible - Rural groups must wear lights - Road safety rules must be adhered to - Session kept to appropriate time - Intermediate and advanced sessions may be longer - On-going assessment by leader, with adaptation as required - Ability of the slowest/ least able sets the session time	- Pre-check the route close to the day of the session - Always have a contingency plan, as advised in UKA leaders course
Traffic/road crossings	All traffic, including other members of the public, runners, cyclists, crossing traffic	Public Group leader Participants	- Use any and all crossings provided as a prudent pedestrian - Cross as a group - Take personal responsibility - Reinforce every week - Respect all other users of the highway - Follow the Highway Code	Ensure group procedure for regrouping at crossings is reiterated weekly
Weather	Variations in weather making it too cold, wet, hot or slippery	Public Group leader	- Weather reports should be checked leading up to and on the day - Runners to be given advice on clothing, fluid intake and sun screen - Cancellation to be considered if ice, snow or lightning are likely - Carefully monitor participants for difficulties	Abandon run and return to centre if conditions deteriorate

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Animals	Presence of and behaviour of animals and their owners	Group leader Participants	• Ensure runners keep aware of and alert to things around them • Be aware of any fears and phobias in your group – and take them seriously • Respect other street users • Follow the Countryside Code when on farmland	
Members of Public	Getting in way of runners, causing injuries or accidents	Public Group leader Participants	• Ensure participants are respectful of other road users • Avoid areas known to be unsuitable. Local knowledge is helpful, listen to people who may be well informed	
Other hazard(s) (please state)				