

Woodcote/Wallington/Carshalton routes

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Hazard	Who might be harmed	How can the risk be controlled	What further action is needed to control the risk
Meeting point	Walkers, people from school, bus users, pedestrians	Advise walkers to be aware of and to make way for other users Walkers must stay on paved area within school grounds	None
Road crossings	Walkers and road users	Select appropriate crossing places and use pedestrian crossings where available Allow people to judge for themselves when it is safe to cross so that they can cross at their own pace	None
Traffic	Walkers and road users	Use pavements where available Advise walkers to walk on outside of blind bend	None
Narrow road, track or path	Walkers	Advise walkers to stand to one side if vehicles approach In case of eg: a vehicle reversing or hedge trimming tractor, the driver may not have seen the walkers so prompt action should be taken to alert driver/avoid the vehicle and extra caution used to pass vehicle	None
Rough surfaces underfoot eg kerbs, tree roots	Walkers	Advise walkers to wear appropriate footwear and to watch out for these hazards	None
Slippery surfaces	Walkers	Advise walkers to be careful on slippery leaves, dog mess, horse manure, drain covers, grassy slopes near to water	None
Overhanging branches and other structures	Walkers	Advise walkers to look where they are going and take care eg the low barrier near the Riding Centre	None
Inclement weather	Walkers	Advise walkers to dress appropriately	None
Heat, sun	Walkers	Advise walkers to bring water and use sunscreen	None
Ice, snow, gale etc	Walkers	Advise walkers to take care Be prepared to cancel if too slippery or windy	Use website, sms and/or email communication system to contact walkers
Walker struggles to complete the walk	Walkers	Walkers advised to join group of appropriate ability Leaders watch out for any problems, encourage to complete or arrange to leave before the end if necessary	None
Losing a walker from the group	Walkers	Wherever possible have a leader and back marker to check all walkers are aware of the route and able to complete the walk	None Sufficient walk leaders now trained Walkers walk at own risk
Walker becomes unwell or injured	Walkers	Call for emergency assistance if needed and/or Call walker's emergency contact number for assistance if available	None Some leaders have expressed an interest in First Aid training however this is not a requirement as walkers walk at their own risk