



## How OYCI Calculates Risk

### RISK RATINGS:

#### Likelihood (probability)

- 5 Almost certain
- 4 Probable
- 3 Possible
- 2 Possible (under unfortunate circumstances)
- 1 Rare

#### Severity (Consequences)

- 5 Fatality
- 4 Major injury, resulting in permanent damage
- 3 Injury requiring hospital or doctor attendance
- 2 Minor injury requiring first aid
- 1 No damage, injury

### RISK RATING Likelihood x Severity

Score 1-9 = LOW    Score 10 - 15 = MEDIUM    Score 16 - 25 = HIGH

**Please note: youth work is a dynamic and unpredictable environment and therefore all risks cannot be identified in advance. As situations or environments change, risks fluctuate. Despite our comprehensive pre-planned risk assessments, workers always need to be able to undertake dynamic risk assessments as an immediate response to evolving**

**circumstances. Our priority is the safety and wellbeing of the young people in our care.**

This risk assessment should be read in conjunction with the 'Taking Part in Activity' risk assessment which ALWAYS applies.

## Walks Risk Assessment

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***Risk 1: young people involved in accident while crossing the road, leading to injury or fatality*** RISK RATING  $3 \times 5 = 15$ /MEDIUM

**MITIGATIONS:** Young people briefed before leaving start point about expected behaviour on the walk across the road. Minimum 2 members of OYCI staff to accompany young people on all journeys – one at front and one at rear of group while walking and staff positioned for optimal safety while crossing (e.g. staff member may halt traffic in middle of road to allow group to safely cross). Accompanying staff members will wear Hi-Viz vests for visibility. Main roads crossed at a designated pedestrian crossing. Side roads crossed at safe points. First aid trained staff accompany young people, carrying first aid kit and fully charged mobile phone at all times. If deemed appropriate staff will pre-plan routes and test routes in advance.

RISK RATING  $2 \times 5 = 10$ /MEDIUM

***Risk 2: unexpected behaviour from members of the public/dogs etc.*** RISK RATING  $3 \times 3 = 9$ /LOW

**MITIGATIONS:** Young people briefed before leaving starting point about expected behaviour on the walk across the road. Minimum 2 members of OYCI staff to accompany young people on all journeys. Accompanying staff members will wear Hi-Viz vests for visibility. First aid trained staff accompany young people, carrying first aid kit and fully charged mobile phone at all times. Staff undertake dynamic risk assessment during walks and consider potential hazards. Staff give verbal reassurance and instruction to young people during any such incident/observable behaviour. Young people escorted by staff to a place of safety. If appropriate staff call Police/support services.

RISK RATING  $2 \times 3 = 6$ /LOW

***Risk 3: young people wandering off. RISK RATING 3 x 5 = 15/MEDIUM***

**MITIGATIONS:** Staff have list of young people who are taking part and do head count before setting off, during walk and on arrival. Staff accompanying young people, carry fully charged mobile phone at all times. Young people briefed before leaving starting point about staying with the group. Staff keep young people in sight at all times and continue to do headcounts during the walk. Any young people considered a flight risk are reviewed prior to the walks and decisions made about their participation keeping in mind the safety of the group. If taking part, they walk beside staff members. Minimum 2 members of OYCI staff accompany young people on all journeys, staffing is increased depending on the level of flight risk from individual young people. If a young person is considered a particular flight risk a bespoke risk assessment to be carried out. **RISK RATING 1 X 5 = 5/LOW**