

The Reader Risk Assessment

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Covid 19 Response Risk Assessment for Organised Park Walks

Assumptions: This risk assessment is based on the assumption that the government has permitted the running of takeaway outlets for food and no-alcoholic drinks because the risk of transmission of Covid-19 has reduced to a level that permits business activities of this nature to resume with some controls. The controls therefore will be in line with other local business activities. Controls will differ from region to region depending on the local risk and local law. Some controls are mandatory as per The Reader's policy and these are indicated in the template.

Emergencies: Measures and reactions to immediate life threat emergencies (such as Fire or Security Emergencies) take precedence over biosecurity controls. All teams should be briefed to this effect.

Scope: This risk assessment only covers the event activities for which The Reader are directly responsible. It does not cover external activities not in the tenanted area, in this case, Calderstones Park. The Reader works closely with council parks officials in encouraging appropriate measures around the tenanted area at Calderstones Park, but are not responsible for ensuring appropriate social distancing and hygiene measures outside of The Reader's tenanted area.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to control this risk?	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done?
Transmission of CV 19 between leaders/attendees/members of the public	Group attendees, leaders or members of the public may become infected with CV19. The risk is notably lessened in comparison to indoor activity, and will be further controlled by small group size.	Group are required to maintain social distancing of 2m from each other. Following current government guidelines, masks are not mandatory to be worn outdoors, and we have additional precautions to minimise the risk associated with CV19: rule of 6, distancing of 2 metres. Given this, face covers will not be mandatory when outdoors, but we will advise attendees to bring face coverings with them to be worn if they feel more comfortable e.g. when the park is busy or due to personal preference.	This will be monitored based on feedback from the Reader Leader about how well the measures are working, and any feedback will be given to the Site Teams.	Programmes Team	Initial action: 6.8.19 Updated with new government guidelines post lockdown 2021	Ongoing

		<p>Group size is limited to 5 + leader, in keeping with the official government 'rule of 6' for outdoor activity (from 29 March 2021)</p> <p>Enforcing distancing to be the responsibility of the Reader Leader, with the requirements communicated in advance by the Programmes Team.</p> <p>The Reader Leader may hand out single-use copies of poems having sanitised their hands, or the Programmes Team may arrange for poems to be sent electronically.</p> <p>Group Attendees and Reader Leaders are required to sign in and fill a symptom/exposure check sheet, and we will request contact details at this stage to contribute to NHS Track & Trace. If anyone has had symptoms or exposure, we they will not be permitted to attend any Reader activity for a period of 14 days.</p>			29/03/21	
Slopes, steps, uneven surfaces, wet leaves and mud	<p>Reader Leaders, attendees</p> <p>Slips, trips, falls, grazes, sprains</p>	Reader Leaders are requested to stick to paths in good condition, and make a dynamic risk assessment should a path appear unsafe.	Operations Team to maintain general awareness of weather conditions, as these could exacerbate existing risks, and keep Group Leader informed of any concerns. This risk cannot be wholly mitigated in this environment while still undertaking this activity.	Operations & Facilities Teams on site on the day	6.8.19	Ongoing
Nettle/plant sting, insect bites/stings	<p>Reader Leaders, attendees</p> <p>Bites and stings</p>	Group Leaders are requested to keep to paths and paved areas with the group, which mitigates the risk from plants. The risk from stinging insects cannot be effectively mitigated in this setting. First Aid kits are available at the Mansion House, as is a designated first aider.	Operations Team to meet Group Leader immediately before session at front entrance, to ensure Group Leader knows who and how to	Operations & Facilities Teams on site on the day	6.8.19	Ongoing

			contact in the event of an emergency.			
Adverse Weather – Exposure to different weather conditions	Reader Leader Attendees Possibility of sunburn risk in the summer, cold due to heavy rain/wind.	No poor weather contingency available due to CV19 restrictions. The activity may be cancelled in the event of poor weather, in the judgement of the Reader Leader or Site Operations Team.	Group Leaders & Attendees are to be requested to wear appropriate clothing for the weather.	Programme Team	6.8.19	Ongoing
General public using the park at the same time as especially dog walkers.	Reader Leader Attendees Risk of altercation with a dog. Risk of infection from dog waste.	This risk cannot be wholly mitigated in this environment. Group Leaders to be advised to contact the site lead (Operations or Facilities Team) in the event of difficulties.	Group Leaders & Attendees are to be informed in advance that dogs may be encountered on their walk, and if anyone has particular issues to inform their Group Leader, who can seek advice from the site team,	Programmes Team to ensure communication in advance.	6.8.19	Ongoing
Falling debris from trees	Reader Leader Attendees Risk of a falling branch/bough causing injury, potentially lethal at its most serious.	This risk cannot be wholly mitigated in this setting. However, Liverpool Street Scene Services undertake regular sweeps of the main paved routes to watch for potentially dangerous trees in the park, and take appropriate action, including blocking access to areas if necessary.	Site Teams to maintain awareness of increased vulnerability due to high winds, increased risk during bright summer weather following heavy rain. If there is a serious reason for concern, the Site Operations Team to have sole discretion to cancel outdoor activity.	Operations & Facilities Team.	6.8.19	Ongoing