

Task/Operation:	Works on Rights Of Way		
Group(s) affected:			
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Reviews			
Next Review Required	Date actually reviewed	Changes Required? (Yes/No)	Assessor Signature
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Hazard	Resultant effect(s)	Before control			State control measures and person responsible to action each one	After control		
		L	S	R		L	S	R
Verbal/ physical assaults including third parties	Injury, physiological harm (stress), physical harm				Awareness of landowner/tenant, pair up if necessary. Communicate location, times, return, vehicle and contact numbers. Leave route card. Take mobile phone/radio. Attack alarm to be carried. Inform landowner/tenant of visit. If change of destination inform colleagues. Report incidents in accordance with DCC Policy. Offer support if needed.			
Contact with animals, e.g. cattle, dogs, geese, sheep, goats, horses, swans, etc.	Disease, infection, allergies, physical injury, biting, spitting, kicking, trampling, pushed. Stress caused by fear of intimidation.				Take note of any signs. Any dogs to be under close control. Report incidents of dangerous animals to colleagues. Consider Dog Dazer. Be animal aware. Liase with owner.			

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Terrain e.g. portholes, mud, ice, snow, rain, poor surface conditions.	Slips, trips, falls, strains. Physical injury, manual handling injury, equipment damage.				Take note of weather forecast. Check definitive map and file. Appropriate PPE to be worn. Consider walking aid. Report defects to equipment as appropriate. Monitor conditions and end task earlier.			
Deliberate obstructions, ladders, stiles. Contact with broken stiles, structures, walls, fencing/electric fencing.	Slips, cuts, falls, causing electric shock, infection, manual handling				Be aware of site hazards. Report and remove obstruction. Undertake manual handling assessment. Only lift within capability. Report hazards/ obstructions to management as appropriate. Retreat if obstruction is too severe and too dangerous.			
Climatic/ environmental conditions. Wind, rain, ice, snow, frost, sun.	Hypothermia exposure increase, risk of slips, trips, and falls, sunstroke, wind chill, sunburn, dehydration.				Check forecast, monitor conditions, stop work if necessary, mobile phone/radio, PPE. Sun block, spare clothing, warm/cold drink.			
Unfamiliarity with area/location. Disused path, overgrown un made path.	Getting lost, injury, increased risk of exposure to elements, stress etc. Increased conflict with landowners/animal, etc.				Plan ahead route card. Take OS map, compass, whistle, first aid kit. Appropriate PPE. Lone walking arrangements. Training in Map reading.			

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Lone working.	Increased risk of exposure to all listed hazards in this risk assessment.				Inform colleagues of location/time/ vehicle and leave route card. If change of destination inform colleagues, take mobile phone/radio.			
Poor communication (marking of routes, etc) specific hazards and the like.	Increased risk of exposure to all listed hazards in this risk assessment.							
Walking paths adjacent to rivers and canals and other water bodies, stepping-stones.	Slips, trips, falls, drowning, exposure, hypothermia, disease, infection, loss of surface. Increased risk to third parties.							
Mine shafts	Falling into shaft. Death/ injury. Exposure, hypothermia, asphyxiation, drowning.							
Fly tipping/ unofficial obstructions of footpaths.	Manual handling injury. Disease and infection, cuts, bruises, lacerations.							
Working on or next to the highway.	Contact with live traffic. Injury/ death.							
Walking paths adjacent to quarry edges, steep drops, slippery surfaces, etc	Falls, injury, slips, death. Erosion of footpath, rock falls.							

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Contact with overgrown trees, branches	Fallen trees, death, injury. Obstruction of footpath. Contact with overhead cables, electrocution.							
Rising river conditions, floods.	Drowning, isolation, getting cut off. Slips, getting washed away. Contamination, hypothermia.							
Contact with crops and pesticides and herbicides (agricultural chemicals)	Hay fever, allergic reactions, respiratory distress. Possible death in extreme circumstances.							
Fires	Damage to infrastructure property. Burns, injury, smoke inhalation death. Injury to third. Damage to wildlife and effects on rural enterprise.							
Farm traffic equipment, etc.	Injury, accidental contact, death.							