### Generic risk assessment form



Whilst leaders have to be conscious of safety at all times and constantly evaluate risk, it must be recognised that it is not possible or indeed desirable to entirely remove all risk from cycling activities. The main factor in managing risk is the quality, experience and judgment of the leader, whose purpose it is to ensure that consequences are acceptable. Leaders are expected to make decisions in the best interest of their clients and whilst they are required to be mindful of guidelines and standards of accepted practice, not attempt is made to interfere with their on the spot judgement.

Activity						
Activity	Type of activity: Breeze Ride					
	Date of activity: 01/01/2018					
	Leading Environment: Traffic free tarmac paths	Start time: 10.00am		Estimated	finish time: 11.00am	
	Estimated no: 7 participants and 2 leaders					
Leader	Name: Abreeze Champion				Telephone: 0161 274 2000	
Are the leade	rs are appropriately qualified? Yes					
Signature: A	Champion		Date: 30.12	.2017		

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People at risk	Level of risk (Low, Med, High, N/A)	Hazard description	Control measures	Notes
Riders, leaders	Low	Fall from cycle	Riders wearing suitable and properly adjusted helmets. Route chosen carefully with regard to the group, skill level, gradients and terrain. Group trained to cope with identified hazards.	
Riders	Low	Collision between two or more riders	Clear instructions on spacing, particularly when going downhill; encourage communication with others in group, verbally and with hand signals.	
Riders, leaders, members of the public	Low	Traffic accident	Clear instructions on speed, formation, spacing, signals and communication. Group briefed on problems of on-road sections and of dangers presented by others (e.g. vehicles, pedestrians, animals and other cyclists). Other staff and responsible adults deployed appropriately throughout the group.	
Riders, leaders, members of the public	Low	Road junctions, (traffic lights, cross roads, roundabout, multi-lane junctions)	Give group clear instructions on speed, formation road positioning, spacing, signals and communication. Brief group on dangers presented by others e.g. vehicles, pedestrians, animals and other cyclists. Deploy other staff and responsible adults appropriately throughout the group.	

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Riders, leaders, members of the public	Medium	Narrow lanes / Roads	Give group clear instructions on speed, formation road positioning, spacing, signals and communication. Brief group on dangers presented by others e.g. vehicles, pedestrians, animals and other cyclists.	Reddish Vale Country Park is shared paths throughout. The route also follows NCN 62 for 2 miles through Stockport.	
Riders, leaders, members of the public	N/A	Canal towpaths	Clear instructions on spacing, formation and positioning; encourage communication with others in group verbally and with hand signals etc. Brief group on dangers presented by others e.g. pedestrians, animals and other cyclists and on how to ride socially responsible.		
Riders, leaders	Low	Mechanical breakdown	Bikes maintained adequately for intended ride. BHC-check carried out prior to the ride. Leader to carry spares and tools.		
Riders, leaders	Low	Medical emergency	Leader holds current HSE First Aid certificate. Emergency procedures in place. Voluntary staff made aware of emergency procedures.		
Riders, leaders	Medium	Adverse weather conditions	Current forecast checked, advice given on appropriate gear and clothing, check gear immediately prior to ride. Have alternative routes in mind, modify/shorten if necessary.	If heavy rain the paths turn into large puddles. Avoiding the puddles can be difficult due to the width of them. On approach cyclists should slow and stay near the perimeter of the puddle.	
Riders, leaders	Low	Navigational error	Appropriate staff training in use of map, compass and cycle computer. These items to be carried, if appropriate.		
Riders	Low	Group separation/ missing group member(s)	Clear instructions to adult helpers/leaders: supervision of both head and tail of group. Leaders to remain in contact regularly.		

# Specific risk assessment form



Location of hazard	People at risk (Ride leaders, Participants, Members of public, All)	Level of risk (Low, Medium, High, N/A)	Description of hazard and resolution/action	Distance from the start (miles)		
Reddish Vale Country Park	All	Low	The pre-ride brief and safety check is conducted in the car park. Group to congregate in the area furthest away from the entrance to avoid any traffic coming in. Leaders to be aware of traffic coming in.	0		
Reddish Vale Country Park	Participants	Low	Barriers at three separate points. Participants will have to dismount and walk through the barrier. Leaders will communicate instructions on approach to the	0.1 0.3 0.7		
Reddish Vale Country park	All	Medium	Steep descent for roughly 100 yards on packed shale. Chance of skidding if not in control of the bikes momentum. Leader to stop the group at the top and advise on a slow descent.	4.3		

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