



# Musgrave Church Field Trust

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## Risk Assessment

**Musgrave Church Field** is a 4 acre field in Great Musgrave by the B6259 and the River Eden. The Field is open to the public. It contains a public footpath by the river and a short single-track gated public road to a small car park, the Tithe Barn and access to St. Theobald's Church. The risks correspond to a public park besides a river. Common sense is required. The Eden floods occasionally. A First Aid kit is provided. Visiting Groups carry out their own Risk Assessment.

Hazard	Severity	Occurrence	Risk Level	Action	Responsibility
River Eden (falling in, hypothermia)	1	1	1	Group instruction Lifebelts Temporary barriers	Event organiser Group leader Trust
River Eden in flood, several times a year (falling in, drowning)	5	1	5	Group instruction Lifebelts Cancel events	Event organiser Group leader Trust
Vehicular activity on a single-track gated public road to carpark (motor accident)	1 - 5	1	1 - 5	Field gate Speed < 5 mph Designated areas Group instruction	Drivers Event organiser Group leader Trust
Falling branches and trees in high winds (personal injury)	1 - 5	1	1 - 5	Inspection Care in storms	Trust Group leader
Electrical hazards (personal injury)	1 - 5	1	1 - 5	RCD sockets Cable runs Notices	Trust Group leader
Uneven surfaces/floors (personal injury)	1	1	1	Inspection Group instruction	Trust Group leader
Insect stings and bites (personal injury)	1	1	1	First aid kit	Trust to provide and maintain
Lime wash and mortar (skin/eye/respiratory irritation)	1	1	1	Eye wash in first aid	Trust Group leader

### Notes

Risk Level = Hazard Severity (scale 1 – 5) x Likelihood of Occurrence (scale 1 – 5).

See separate definitions of Risk Levels.

Please report any incidents to:

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## How do you assess risk levels?

From [http://www.induction.to/safety-manual/hsm6\\_2\\_6.htm](http://www.induction.to/safety-manual/hsm6_2_6.htm)

Risk levels are categorized in a numbered format. Each hazard is given a rating and this is multiplied by the probability that these hazards will occur, as shown in the following equation.

**Risk level = Hazard Severity x Likelihood of Occurrence**

**Step One:** Give each hazard a severity marking as indicated in the table below:

Risk Level	Effect of Hazard
5	Fatal injury
4	Permanent disabling injury
3	Disabling injury
2	Injury causing time off work
1	First aid only

For example: If slipping on the stairs (hazard), could result in death or disablement, then it must be given a rating of 4 or 5.

**Step Two:** Consider how often each hazard is likely to occur as indicated in the table below

Risk Level	Likelihood of Occurrence
5	Certain
4	Near certain
3	Very likely
2	Frequent
1	Seldom

For example: If slipping on the stairs (hazard), was very likely to happen, then it is given a rating of 3.

**Step Three:** Multiply the two scores together and you will get the risk level. This figure should be entered into the risk assessment form. For example: 5 (hazard) multiplied by 3 (occurrence) = 15

**Step Four:** The following **guidelines** help gauge how quickly you need to put the controls in place.

- Where any hazard is given a risk ranking of 22-25 then action must be taken **immediately** to reduce that risk.
- Where any hazard is given a risk ranking of 16-22 then the line manager must be informed before the end of that working day.
- Where any hazard is given a risk ranking of between 1 and 15, then action needs to be taken at the earliest opportunity, as soon as it is reasonably practicable to do so, taking into account local circumstances.

Employers must ensure that risks are reduced to the lowest extent **reasonably practicable**.

The legal definition of 'reasonably practicable' is 'any measure which can be reasonably carried out having regard to technical knowledge and acceptable expense'.