

3 - Risk assessment

Assessment details			
Location	Blackpool Illuminations: Promenade between North Pier & Sandcastle: 5 pm till 9-15 pm: Oct 1-31		
Department	Regional FR area 2 Guide Dogs Fylde Coast Team 1021		
Date of assessment	11-06-21		
Name of assessor	Brenda Wildish < >		
Activities covered by assessment			
<p>Fundraising event where members of the public are encouraged to undertake a sponsored walk with their pet dogs to raise funds for Guide Dogs. This will include individuals, small groups of family and friends. A Promenade Street Collection License is also linked to the event on Oct 8th. The local Event Co-ordinator is Brenda Wildish.</p> <p>Guide Dog personnel and stock will be assembled separately to avoid incidents and ensure that safety information can be given to Guide Dog Owners in quiet, calm surroundings.</p>			
Those at risk:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the Public • Dogs 			
Hazard	Resulting in	Controls in place	Further planned controls
Covid-19 infection	Mild to severe illness Possible death.	Walkers in family, friendship or work groups. Each group is setting off and walking independently of others,	Face coverings are encouraged in crowded areas. No mass assembly, mass entertainment or sales areas.
Unfriendly 3 rd party persons/animals Collisions with unknown persons/dogs	Physical or verbal abuse, or bite or scratch causing severe or moderate short/long-term physical or mental injury.	Walkers in identifiable groups reducing risk of ingress of hostile elements. Police aware of event. Event timed to avoid issues with Parties, alcohol etc.	Assembly in daylight. Guide Dog stock assembled in quiet area away from the public. Access to beach possible (e.g. if dogs have travelled a distance). Low-tide, large space, minimum wind. Please pick up after your dog. Vet on call will be 'Greenways' – 01253 729309.

Contact with secretions from dog/puppy, pigeon/seagull e.g. vomit, urine, faeces, blood etc.	Risk of infectious/zoonotic disease causing illness i.e. Salmonella, e-coli, campylobacter, Ringworm, Toxocara.	Antiseptic gel available. Public hand-washing facilities on Piers & in nearby Public Conveniences.	Walkers will be reminded to 'pick up' after their dogs. Visually impaired persons will have sighted help.
Lack of communication	Unaware of impending, unexpected hazard.	All sight-impaired walkers will have sighted guides and mobile phones.	
Lost/separated children or visually impaired persons.	Panic, distress, possible moderate injury.	Participating children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. VIP's must be accompanied by a sighted adult companion. The Check-Point at Sandcastle exists to ensure that everyone can make the return walk safely.	
Vehicle ingress into pedestrian area.	Significant injury	Event contained within Pedestrian precinct. Vehicle access onto the Prom is strictly controlled. Blackpool Transport & Police aware of route, numbers and timing.	Necessary vehicles enter Prom at a time of minimal public use and are positioned within Council guidelines
Tramway accidents	Significant injury	The walkers will be guided away from the tram-tracks	
Spillages, poor ground conditions, wet, uneven	Slip or fall incidents resulting in moderate injury.	Site is level access, high quality non slip paviors / tarmac, prepared for high, safe ingress of members of public of all ages.	Advice is given to avoid walking on the Comedy Carpet if the weather or surface is damp.

All non-ambulant participants are advised that they (or their responsible adult) must take responsibility for their own safety – but are made aware that the level access route runs parallel the sea-side railings.			
- uneven surfaces, steps, barriers, trailing cables etc.	Slip or fall incidents resulting in moderate injury.	Site is level access along route by sea-side railings. Any known hazards (eg related to sea-defences) will be barriered off by the Council Contractors.	Advice is given asking walkers not to use extending leads.
-Comedy Carpet (polished granite – slippery if damp). Lightpool event taking place against sea wall -undulating surface with boulders – hard for manual wheelchair users to access	Slip or fall incidents resulting in moderate injury. Colliding with temporary structures/ people standing watching Light Show resulting in moderate injury Chair could tip resulting in moderate injury.	Carpet lies in front of the Tower – Sound system from the Tower very loud – giving audible warning of hazard area. Alert to this event and extra care needed will be given from Stage before set-off. the level access route runs parallel the sea-side railings.	Advice is given to remain alert to potential hazard.
Extreme weather, i.e. cold, windy, wet	Slip or fall incidents resulting in moderate injury.	Event timed to coincide with low-tide, minimising wind. Early October – less risk of bad or cold weather. Dog walkers come prepared given local weather forecasts.	Shelter is available on the Piers, in the tram shelters along the route and within the hotels and outlets across the road (all of which are accessible at all points with sighted help)
Lack of emergency evacuation procedures.	Confusion, significant injury	Multiple exit routes leading away from the whole of the area enabling rapid dispersal if needed.	
Unlit section of Prom in cloudy conditions can seem very dark	Could cause visually-impaired persons to become disoriented &	All visually-impaired persons are required to have a sighted guide with them.	

	walk towards light and tram tracks, leading to potential injury		
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Guide Dog stock Puppy Raisers who would like to be involved with the Walk must speak to their Puppy Development Advisor first to ensure that it is appropriate for their specific pup to participate at its particular age and stage of training. Advice must also be sought regarding the distance the pup can walk.

DISCLAIMER FOR WALKS. Everyone taking part in this walk does so at their own risk. We do not employ qualified guides leaders or first aiders for this event. The group works on the same basis of being a group of friends who go out walking together, who invite others to join them on this basis.

In the event of a wider emergency, the relevant Emergency Service/Local Authority Agency will be contacted and will attend in line with their protocols. Emergency procedures will be advised to participants to ensure awareness, engagement in safe behaviours and compliance in the event of an emergency evacuation.

Evaluation of risk (using risk rating table)

Severity Low(1) Medium(2) High(3)	Likelihood Low(1) Medium(2) High(3)	Risk rating Severity x Likelihood
3	2	6

Further control measures or actions

Action required	Person responsible	Completion due date	Date complete

Risk rating following implementation of control measures

Severity Low(1) Medium(2) High(3)	Likelihood Low(1) Medium(2) High(3)	Risk rating Severity x Likelihood
3	1	3

Sign off

Assessor signature	<i>Brenda Wildish</i>	Date	11-06-2021
Review date		Review by	19-10-2021

Line manager review

Date of review		Reviewer	
Reviewer position		Next review	
Comments:			
