



# Route Risk Assessment Template

Any questions? Get in touch with the Kids Walk team:  
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Use this template to help you identify some of the risks you may encounter while taking part in Brake's Kids Walk. Your children's safety is paramount at all times so please continue to follow your school's usual procedures for assessing risk and keeping children safe. Remember that as well as identifying any possible risks, you should also explain any measures you have put in place to mitigate those risks. It is important that you do your risk assessment 'walk about' at the same time as you plan to take part in Brake's Kids Walk, and on a school day. If your walk involves hundreds of children, you need to think about this when you are doing your assessment. For example, it takes a long time to walk hundreds of children over a pelican crossing!

**How many children are taking part?**

## Step 1 Your risk assessment 'walk about'

Walk the route you are planning to use and fill in the sections below.

<b>Route details</b>	
<b>Length of route</b>	..... metres
What is the route?	Describe the route:
Are there pavements and/or safe footpaths on the entire route that are wide enough for two children to walk hand-in-hand, and that don't have any hazards on them (e.g. major potholes)	Yes /No If no, give details:
Will the children have to cross any roads?	Yes /No                      If yes, how many? ..... If yes, describe where the children will cross:
What are the speed limits on the route?	
Do you think the traffic is breaking speed limits or not slowing down enough on the route, e.g. on bends or where there are parked cars?	Yes /No If yes, give details:
Are the children separated from traffic in any way? (e.g. railings, or a wide verge of grass) (This isn't compulsory, but helps you understand the safety of your route)	Yes /No If yes, give details:
Have you identified any particular hazards on the route that mean a child could be at risk of being hit by a vehicle while on Brake's Kids Walk?	Yes /No If yes, see next section

You can use the table below to record any possible risks you have identified and explain any measures you are putting in place to mitigate those risks and keep children safe.

Risk	What you are doing about it?

## Step 2 Walking safely

YOUR COMMITMENT	Tick here that you are doing these things, or explain why not:
The children will all hold hands in twos and walk calmly in a 'crocodile' formation.	
The children will have practised doing this off-road in a playground or on a previous occasion.	
There will be at least:  - <b>one adult</b> to <b>every six children</b> that are aged four to seven  - <b>one adult</b> to <b>every eight children</b> that are aged eight to 11	
The adults will have been instructed before the event to ensure children walk calmly and hold hands throughout the walk, and stay on the pavement	
You have received the relevant permissions to use any photographs you send us in the media or for future publications by Brake?	Yes /No

Please check the route again on the day of Brake's Kids Walk to check there are no new or unexpected hazards, and also take into account the weather conditions and whether they require any additional precautions.

### Assessment carried out by:

Name: .....

Job title: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

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