

BMS GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT FOR FUNGUS FORAYS

Hazard	How Likely	Possible Injury	Recommendations to minimise the risk
Tripping or slipping	High	Minor	Wear strong boots and walk carefully. Avoid holes, tree roots and fallen branches
Hit by a falling tree	V. Low	Fatal	Keep out of woods during high winds. Be aware of leaning or hung-up trees and branches
Walking into low branches	Medium	Minor	Be observant for low branches
Getting stuck in mud	Low	Fatal	Keep away from pond sides and bogs & carry a mobile
Drowning	Low	Fatal	Keep well away from all open water
Hit by a vehicle on the road	Medium	Fatal	Keep clear of all vehicles especially if reversing
Contracting Toxicariasis	Medium	Major	Avoid dog faeces. Keep hands away from mouth and wash hands before eating
Contracting Leptospirosis	Low	Major	Avoid contact with open water or where rats may have been. Keep hands away from mouth and wash hands before eating
Contracting Tetanus	Low	Major	Immunisation - (see GP). Avoid injury. Keep any wounds covered, , Wash hands.
Contracting Lymes disease	Low	Major	Avoid areas where ticks may be present. Keep legs covered and check for ticks after trip. If you are bitten by a tick followed by flu-like symptoms contact your doctor
Hypodermic needle stick Injury	Low	Fatal	Be observant, Keep hands away from anywhere that you cannot see. If you suspect you have received a needle-stick injury; Make the wound bleed, clean it. Then get a message to the leader and go straight to A&E
Getting Lost	Low	None	Stay in groups, Carry a mobile phone, If you leave early please get a message to the leader so we know you are safe and don't need to search for you. Make a note of the Leaders mobile number.
Attacked by a person or a dog	V. Low	Major	Stay in groups, Carry a mobile phone
Cut by a pen-knife	Medium	Minor	Always cut away from body parts. Carry plasters: Only carry a legal size pen-knife
Poisoned by fungi	Low	Fatal	BMS forays are for the recording and study of fungi only. Please do not collect any fungi for consumption on BMS forays.
Ingesting bacteria causing stomach pains or diarrhoea	Medium	Minor	Avoid handling any rotting fungi or any other putrid material. Keep hands away from the mouth and wash hands before eating or smoking
Tripping over in the workroom	Low	Minor	Keep walkways clear and be observant
Caustic or toxic reactions from chemical reagents	Low	Major	Treat all chemicals with respect and handle carefully. Clean up any spills straight away and if skin gets contaminated wash of skin immediately

While it is recognised that some members prefer to foray on their own, they must accept the increased risks involved and they are strongly encouraged to keep the Foray Manager/Local Organisers mobile numbers in their mobile phones in case they encounter any difficulties or have an accident.