

Risk control spectrum

GENERAL LEVEL OF VISITOR USE, LOCATION AND TERRAIN

Undeveloped

Wild and rugged countryside; remote forests and landscapes. Very low visitor numbers.



Lightly developed

Wider forest, moorland, coast and countryside; extensive farmed land; remote waterways. Low visitor numbers.



Moderately developed

Urban fringe; country parks; intensively farmed land; recreational forests; busy waterways. Moderate visitor numbers.



Heavily developed

Urban environment; easy terrain; surfaced paths; city-centre buildings and waterfronts; staffed facilities. High visitor numbers.



LEVEL OF VISITORS' SKILL, SELF-RELIANCE AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Advanced

Competent personal safety skills, planning, training and experience are expected. Visitors accept responsibility for their own safety.



Moderate

Skills, awareness of risks and self-reliance are important. Visitors understand surroundings and take some responsibility for their own safety.



Minor

Self-reliance, awareness of risks and personal responsibility encouraged but not expected. Visitors have some experience and knowledge of surroundings.



Minimal

No previous experience is expected. Visitors should follow advice and act responsibly.

LEVEL OF MANAGEMENT INTERVENTION

Minimal

Physical safety measures unlikely. Routine information about site conditions not likely but arrangements made for exceptional circumstances.



Minor

Physical safety measures only likely for high risks. Limited information and signs possible.



Moderate

Some physical intervention for significant risks likely. Possibly some warning signs, leaflets and occasional staff presence.



Advanced

Physical safety measures likely. Managers actively manage risk for first time visitors. Likely to be warning signs, advance information about hazards and regular staff presence on site.