

# COMMUNITY ACTION: MK

## Risk Assessments

Whatever your group does, from organising a street party to running a community building, you have a responsibility to do what you can to make sure people don't get hurt. Doing a risk assessment can help with this.

### What is a risk assessment?

A risk assessment lists the different hazards that people might encounter whilst taking part in activities run by your group, or using equipment or a venue that is looked after by your group.

Your risk assessment will be useful for you if:

- everyone running activities for your group is aware of it and does what it says;
- you keep it up to date; and
- it is realistic (you actually intend to do the things that you write down).

Conducting a risk assessment for your group can seem like a big job, and it's something people often find worrying. However, it doesn't need to be complicated or difficult, and in most cases it is just a matter of common sense.

Remember, there is no point just having a risk assessment which goes in a drawer somewhere and never gets looked at. There is also no point in having one that says you won't run any activities that might be hazardous, and then just ignoring it because it is too restrictive.

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