

# Hike Leader's Risk Assessment Form



Note: Clubs / Hike Leaders may modify this form to better suit their needs

Organization: **Ganaraska Hiking Trail Association**

Leader	Location	Date	Risk Assessment Score

RISK ASSESSMENT RUBRIC						
	Activity	Group	Hike Leader	Environment	First Aid	External Factors
	1/2/3/4/5	1/2/3/4/5	1/2/3/4/5	1/2/3/4/5	1/2/3/4/5	1/2/3/4/5
<b>1</b>	Within the every day experience of the individuals.	Very experienced appropriate level of competency.	Experienced and qualified at the appropriate level.	Urban <u>or</u> rural with hazards that are predictable.	* First Aid and Emergency Services readily available. Staff qualifications at appropriate level.	Weather appropriate to the activity, any change will have no adverse effect on the group.
<b>2</b>	Outside the every day experience of the individuals but tasks have familiar aspects.	Regular exposure to the activity. An adequate level of competency.	Minimal qualifications, regular participant.	Urban <u>and</u> rural with hazards that change quickly.	* First Aid and Emergency Services readily available. Staff minimally qualified in First Aid.	Weather appropriate to the activity, any change will have minimal effect, but will not affect safety.
<b>3</b>	Outside the everyday experience of the individuals but competency has been achieved in training.	Occasional exposure to the activity. Some competency.	Minimal qualifications, occasional participant.	Overnight camping. (Urban and/or Rural).	* First Aid and Emergency Services readily available. Staff unqualified in First Aid.	Weather change could lead to problems if the group is not adequately prepared by training or equipment.
<b>4</b>	Outside the everyday experience of the individuals but training has been given.	Some experience at an introductory level. No competency.	Some experience as a leader. Limited or occasional participant.	Close proximity to water, cliffs, or other dangerous topographical feature.	No First Aid and Emergency Services readily available. Staff qualifications at appropriate level.	Weather change could lead to serious problems if the group has not achieved a level of competency in the activity or is not adequately equipped.
<b>5</b>	Outside the experience of the individuals - no prior training.	Absolute novices, no experience of the activity and / or have special needs.	No experience of the activity in a leader capacity, some experience as a participant.	Areas classified as Wilderness	No First Aid and Emergency Services readily available. Staff min qualified in First Aid.	Weather change could have serious repercussions for the group.

RISK CATEGORY			
6 – 10 Low Risk	11 – 19 Medium Risk	20 – 25 High Risk	26 – 30 Unacceptable Risk
The possibility and nature of an accident occurring are not substantially different to those encountered in everyday experience.	The hazards encountered are outside the groups experience but by adopting principles of safe practice should bring them to an acceptable level.	The hazards encountered are either extreme or very much beyond the everyday experience of the group. The repercussions of an accident could lead to serious consequences.	The hazards encountered are far beyond the experience of the group and the Exercise Leader.