



## Dog Walking Risk Assessment

The Association of Professional Dog Walkers & Sitters Risk Assessment Jan 2021

The Activity	The Hazards	Who is at risk	Reducing Risk
Walking dog(s)	Risk of Dog bites or attacks resulting in injury including, including possible infections and open wounds.	Dog Walker General Public	1. The dog walker must have experience in walking dogs and be confident when walking them.
			2. Dog walkers should gather as much information about the dog including temperament, pulling risks and any adverse reactions to other dogs, cats, people and other wildlife. (we suggest using the pet information sheet for this purpose).
			3. Dog Walkers should not walk more dogs than they feel comfortable and confident and, in any event, no more than 4 Dogs.
			4. Make sure you carry a charged mobile phone and if possible, a charging pack, also make sure that you inform someone of your intended route.
			5. Walk vulnerable or unpredictable dogs on their own and especially if this may result in aggression.
	<b>Coronavirus</b>		6. Dog Walkers must ensure they follow government rules regarding Covid 19 (coronavirus).