

Fieldwork Risk Assessment

Large Groups (Fieldcourses)



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Please get permission from your contact person for the use of their name and phone number.

**Please read the guidance notes fully before completing all sections of this form.**

**Section A. Personnel and course description.**

1. **Field course module co-ordinator**: Enter name.

1. **Module code and brief description of course and field area**: Enter text here.
2. **Group size (number of students, number of staff):** Enter value, students

Enter value, staff

**Details of Environment(s)**

*Include terrain, rural, urban, cultural differences, language etc.*

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**Section B. Itinerary**

Start Date: Click or tap to enter a date. Return Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Destination (country / county) Click or tap here to enter text.

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| **Date** | **Location(s) include GPS where possible** | **Activities** |
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Has this information been communicated to the students and staff already as it may influence their Health Declaration Y/N

**Travel Plan and Accommodation**

*Provide an outline of the travel plans for getting to and from the field area and for travel within the field area. Ensure driving times are not excessive and that sufficient drivers and breaks are included in the plan.*

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1. **Persons and contacts**

**Who Will Be At Risk?**

**Students:**

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| **Name** | **Student Number** | **Health Declaration Completed Y/N** | **Contact and insurance information Y/N**  (can be confirmed closer to leaving date) | **Conduct Form signed**  **Y/N**  (can be confirmed closer to leaving date) |
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**Staff**

**Name**(s) and status of staff(s) Academic, Professional, Research Assistant, Other

Name: Staff member’s name.

Choose a position.

Email address: Enter email address.

Phone: Mobile only

Name: Staff member’s name.

Choose a position.

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Have all staff notified college insurance of their intent to travel Yes/No

**Emergency contacts**

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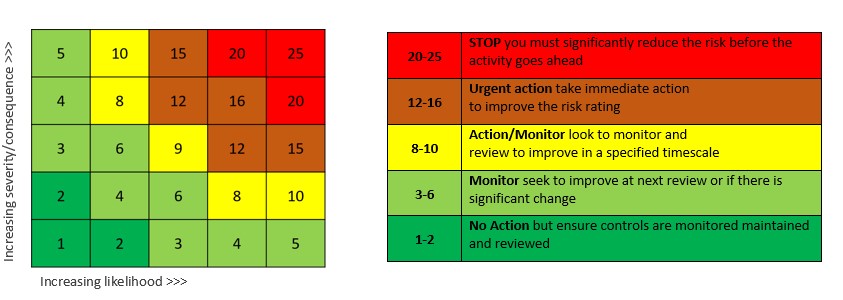
*How can you best contact the emergency services during the field-course in the event of an accident? e.g. mobile or satellite phones, location of public phones, contact numbers, bus company, local guide etc. Include daily reporting and communication systems e.g. check in times, contact person, procedures to convey change of plan to all etc.*

Has the contact person been advised of reporting system and procedure to follow should reporting system fail. Yes/No

Have you provided the contact person with a copy of this risk assessment? Yes/No

1. **Hazards, Risks and Controls** (add additional rows if required)

Using the accompanying checklist document evaluate and control for all foreseen hazards. Use the risk matrix and aspire to post controls values ≤ 10.

Please be as descriptive as possible. Attached additional documentation if you feel it is necessary.

**Geographical, Equipment and Field Location Hazards (add additional rows if required) :** e.g. proximity to water, early/late sampling, mountains

Name/Location: Pre-controls Controls: Post-controls

(GPS co-ordinates) rating: rating:

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**Chemical Hazards (add additional rows if required)**: e.g. ethanol, hydrogen peroxide, dry ice

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| Name | CAS  No. | OELV | Quantity | Conc. | Labels (Tick all that apply) | Pre-controls  rating | Controls | Post-controls  rating |
| Chemical Name | Enter No. | Exposure Limit Value | In g/Kg or mls/L | Percentage or molarity | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | | Choose a value. | List controls. | Choose a value. |
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1. **Additional Information**

Consider inoculations and vias required, regular checks of Department of Foreign Affairs travel site, indemnity forms for work on private land, ethical requirements.

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**Approval**

I confirm that I have read the School of Natural Sciences’ Fieldwork Safety Manual, Risk Assessment Guidance Notes and Checklists before carrying out this risk assessment and that the information provided conforms to the guidelines detailed in these documents.

*Print your name, sign, and date. Electronic signatures\* are acceptable.*

Send to [NatSchHandS@tcd.ie](mailto:NatSchHandS@tcd.ie) for further examination. Overseas field course risk assessments will be forwarding to college insurance and Safety Office.

**Name** **Sign\*** **Date** Click or tap to enter a date.

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*\*An electronic signature is required. Do not type your name in this box or apply handwriting font. In accordance with Regulation (EU) No 910/2014) and Section 22 of the Electronic Commerce Act 2000 an electronic signature must meet the following requirements (a) it is uniquely linked to the signatory; (b) it is capable of identifying the signatory; (c) it is created using means that are under the signatory’s sole control; and (d) it is linked to other electronic data in such a way that any alteration to the said data can be detected.*

\*\**All field courses taking place in Ireland must be signed by a Safety Officer. Courses taking place outside Ireland will require a further signature from Head of School before going to Insurance and College Safety*