

Shropshire Fungus Group

Foray risk assessment

Hazard	How likely	Most likely	Recommendations to minimise the risk
Tripping or slipping	High	Minor	Wear strong boots and walk carefully. Avoid holes, tree roots and fallen branches
Hurt by a falling tree	Very low	Major	Keep out of woods during high winds. Be aware of leaning or hung-up trees and branches
Walking into low branches	Medium	Minor	Be observant for low branches
Getting stuck in mud	Low	Possibly fatal	Keep away from pond sides and bogs and carry a mobile
Drowning	Low	Fatal	Keep away from all open water
Hit by a vehicle on the road	Medium	Possibly fatal	Keep clear of all vehicles especially if reversing
Contracting Toxicariasis	Medium	Major	Avoid dog faeces. Keep hands away from mouth and wash hands before eating
Contracting Leptospirosis	Low	Major	Avoid places where rats may have been. Keep hands away from mouth. Wash hands
Contracting Tetanus	Low	Major	Immunisation - (see GP). Avoid injury. Keep any wounds covered.
Contracting Lymes Disease	Low	Major	Avoid areas where ticks may be present. Keep legs covered and check for ticks later
Hypodermic needle injury	Low	Possibly fatal	Be observant. If injured in this way go immediatley to A&E
Getting lost	Low	None	Stay in groups. Carry a mobile. Note leader's phone number. Inform if you leave early
Attack by a person or a dog	Very low	Major	Stay in groups. Carry a mobile
Knife cut	Medium	Minor	Always cut away from body parts. Carry plasters
Poison by fungi	Low	Possibly fatal	Avoid gathering fungi for consumption
Ingesting bacteria causing stomach pain or diarrhoea	Medium	Minor	Avoid handling rotten fungi or other putrid material. Wash hands before eating
Tripping over in work room	Low	Minor	Keep walkways clear and be observant
Reactions from caustic or toxic reagents	Low	Minor	Handle chemicals carefully and treat chemical spills with respect. Wash skin if

**Nearest Hospitals with A&E departments: RSH (Shrewsbury SY3 8XQ)
& PRH (Telford TF1 6TF)**

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