

Risk assessment for collecting fieldwork data in an urban area

Type of risk	Where/how risk is most likely to happen	Action to be taken to reduce this risk
Road traffic	Being knocked down by passing traffic.	<p>Keep off roads – except when crossing them on pedestrian crossings and the green ‘OK to cross’ light is on.</p> <p>Don’t run straight out onto the road to rescue equipment or a hat that has blown off.</p> <p>Don’t avoid groups of pedestrians on the pavement by running around them off the kerb and onto the roadside.</p> <p>Don’t walk too close to the pavement kerb – you could be hit by side mirrors on large passing vehicles.</p>
Trips / falls	<p>Many pavements are uneven – especially if they are flagged, cobbled or have ruts in them.</p> <p>Shoes can catch on manhole covers.</p>	<p>Keep a lookout ahead for uneven surfaces.</p> <p>Wear ‘sensible’ footwear, not high-heeled shoes.</p>
Bicycles	<p>Cyclists riding on pavement.</p> <p>Walking on designated cycle tracks.</p>	<p>Keep a lookout for cyclists weaving about between pedestrians on pavements.</p> <p>Cyclists have priority on cycle tracks, so keep off the tracks because cyclists will ride much faster on them.</p>
Getting lost	This is easy to do when you are collecting data and talking to other students.	<p>Don’t lose your street plan!</p> <p>Watch out for helpful road signs like ‘To the Town Centre’.</p> <p>Make sure your mobile phone battery is fully charged and the phone has credit on it.</p> <p>Know who to phone for advice.</p> <p>Know where your teachers and transport are during the day.</p>
Street crime	Mugging, theft, unpleasantness.	<p>Stay in your group – don’t wander off by yourself.</p> <p>Keep your mobile phone and other ‘attractive’ items hidden.</p>
Weather	Sunburn, getting very cold and wet.	<p>If bright sunlight is likely, have sun-block cream handy.</p> <p>Be appropriately dressed for the time of year.</p> <p>Keep some spare clothing in a rucksack.</p>