

Risk Assessment

Activity	Pushing Wheelchairs [Indoors & Outdoors]										
Location	On Pilgrimage in Lourdes During Social Events in the UK										
Hazard	Consequences	Persons Affected	Existing Control Measures (Where Applicable)	Severity	Likelihood	Total Risk	Additional Measures Where Applicable	Severity	Likelihood	Total Risk	
Boarding & Alighting the Chair	Fall for the Pilgrim	Pilgrim	Chair Close to Bed/Chair/etc Wheelchair Brake Engaged	4	2	M	Instruction provided during Preparation Day on aiding the Pilgrim.	4	1	L	
	Strain Injury for Helper Catching a Falling Pilgrim	Helper		3	2	M		3	1	L	
Weight of the Chair & Pilgrim	Strain on the Helper	Helper	Alternative Transport and/or Second Helper	3	1	L					
Collisions with Fixed Objects	Injury to Pilgrim	Pilgrim	Vigilance by Helper & Support Helper.	4	2	M	Instruction provided during Preparation Day on basic manoeuvring.	4	1	L	
Negotiate Down Kerbs	Tipping Pilgrim from Wheelchair	Pilgrim	Vigilance by Helper & Support Helper.	4	3	M	Instruction provided at Preparation Day on Negotiate down kerbs (slight tip backwards and drop off kerb backwards).	4	1	L	
Negotiate Up Kerbs	Tipping Pilgrim from Wheelchair	Pilgrim	Vigilance by Helper & Support Helper.	4	3	M	Instruction provided at Preparation Day on Negotiate up kerbs (slightly tip wheelchair backwards and ease up the kerb forwards).	4	1	L	
Negotiating Steep Inclines	Strain for Helper	Helper	Alternative shallower route, if possible Two or More Helpers per Chair	3	3	M	Three Helpers per Wheelchair; Two of which will hold secured ropes each side	3	2	M	
Controlling Heavy Loads on Shallow Inclines	Strain for Helper (or Loss of Control - See Below)	Helper	Alternative shallower route, if possible Two or More Helpers per Chair	3	3	M	Three Helpers per Wheelchair; Two of which will hold secured ropes each side	3	2	M	
Lose Control on Incline	Injury and/or Death to Pilgrim	Pilgrim	Alternative shallower route, if possible Two or More Helpers per Chair	5	2	M	Additional Helpers per Wheelchair Ensure Pilgrim Covers the Brakes	5	1	L	

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Crossing Roads	Serious Injury to both Pilgrim & Helper	Pilgrim	Exercise extreme care, watching both ways to ensure continental traffic and/or Lourdes reversing one-way system is considered.	5	2	M	Instruction provided at Preparation Day on crossing roads. Cross roads at Pedestrian Crossings. Both Helper and Support Helper to be especially vigilant	5	1	L
		Helper(s)		5	2	M		5	1	L
General Terrain	Strain on the Helper	Helper	Avoid loose & uneven surfaces.	3	2	M	Instruction provided at Preparation Day. Select routes along paved or metalled paths where possible.	3	1	L
	Tipping Pilgrim from Wheelchair	Pilgrim		4	2	M		4	1	L
Grated Gutters	Wheels sink into Grate, tipping the Pilgrim from the Wheelchair	Pilgrim	Vigilance by Helper & Support Helper.	4	2	M	Instruction provided at Preparation Day on Negotiate grates (avoid or cross the slots of grates at an angle).	4	1	L
Crowded Areas	Collision with other pilgrims	3rd Parties	Vigilance by Helper & Support Helper.	3	2	M	Instruction provided at Preparation Day on Negotiate crowds (keep foot rests visible and plenty space from others).	3	1	L
Forward Helpers when in Procession	Collision with Helper in front	Helper	Vigilance by Helper & Support Helper	3	3	M	Instruction provided at Preparation Day on Negotiate procession (keep foot rests visible and plenty space from others).	3	2	M
Poorly Parked	Rolling Out of Control resulting in Crash or Collision	Pilgrim	Ensure Brake Engaged.	4	3	M	Awareness Instruction for all Helpers at Preparation Day	4	2	M
		3rd Parties		4	3	M		4	2	M
Bright Sunlight	Sunburn / Sunstroke / Dehydration	Pilgrim	Sunscreen / Hats / Parasols / Fluid Intake	4	4	H	Awareness Instruction for all Helpers at Preparation Day	4	3	M
Low Temperature	Hypothermia	Pilgrim	Layers of Clothing / Blankets Waterproofs if rain likely]	4	4	H	Awareness Instruction for all Helpers at Preparation Day	4	3	M

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Medical Emergency	Remote from suitable aid	Pilgrim	At least two Helpers per Wheelchair (One staying with the Pilgrim; one getting help) In exceptional circumstances (eg. when in procession), this can be relaxed to 3 Helpers to every 2 Wheelchairs	4	2	M	One additional Helper with each Wheelchair.	5	1	L
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	Severity					
		Minor (1)	Negligible (2)	Marginal (3)	Critical (4)	Catastrophic (5)
Likelihood	Frequent (5)					
	Probable (4)					
	Occasional (3)					
	Remote (2)					
	Improbable (1)					