

## **Duties of participants at field meetings**

1. Each individual participant must bear in mind that the onus for carrying out safety procedures in the field rests primarily with him- or herself.
2. All participants must obey safety instructions from the organiser and must adhere to suitable standards of behaviour in order to reduce the risk of accidents.
3. Participants must ensure that they are suitably clad for the local terrain and for all weather conditions likely to be encountered. Clothing requirements should be assessed at the planning stage. Organisers should refuse to allow any person in the group who has inappropriate or inadequate personal clothing to embark on a field exercise.
4. Participants must inform the contact person in advance that they are attending, and must ensure that the meeting is suitable for or adaptable to their fitness level. They should check that the meeting is suitable for children, if any are coming.
5. Participants must inform the organiser of their arrival and of their departure from the meeting.
6. Participants should inform another participant or the organiser of any strategic absences during the meeting.
7. Participants are responsible for their own prescribed medicines and special first aid requirements for allergies e.g. epipens, hypoallergenic plasters etc.
8. All members of the group must be made aware of who is carrying first aid equipment and whether any members of the group are in possession of mobile telephones which are within signal range, which may be used in emergency. If no telephones are available, then the location of the nearest emergency assistance should be established. Participants should check that their mobile phones (if brought) are charged and financed and that they are able to obtain a signal at the sites visited.
9. Any individual noticing a health or safety problem that they are not able to put right themselves should immediately inform the organiser.
10. Participants should look out for the safety of adjacent participants.
11. Participants should supply the recorder with a list of their species records, either at the meeting or shortly afterwards.