Field trips and organised recreational visits vary greatly in their complexity and the risks they present. The tools provided on this site and the associated links enable a risk-based approach for the detail which is normally required in the paperwork (as referenced in the table below).

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| Paperwork required for authorisation prior to booking | **Field trip**  part of group field trip and/or module with students.  Should have an appointed University Venture Leader. | | **Trip or visit**  organised as part of University or Grant funded research with 5 or more participants, *NOTE: for Field Trips previous heading always applies* | | **Trip or visit**  organised independently for a student project (incl. MSc / PhD) with fewer than 5 participants | |
| Straightforward, low risk UK and Overseas\* visit with fewer than 5 travellers. | Field trip with 5 or more participants and/or involves any hazardous activities or visits to remote locations. |  | Where trip involves any hazardous activities or visits to remote locations. | Straightforward, low risk UK and Overseas \*visit. | Where Field trip involves any hazardous activities or visits to remote locations. |
| **\* the risk levels for Overseas Field Trips, trips or visits can only be determined when: planned activities; country specific information (e.g. Crisis24Horizon ratings); and participant details are known. In absence of clear information the default cannot be a ‘low risk’ determination.** | | | | | | |
| Field Trip emergency incident procedures | a a | | a a | | r r | |
| Field Trip planning checklist | Optional a | | a a | | Optional a | |
| Group travel planning form | r a | | r a | | r a | |
| Formal risk assessment | r a | | r a | | r a | |
| Overseas Travel risk assessment | a a | | a a | | a a | |
| Accommodation Checklist | Applicable where any bookings are not made via University Travel Management Companies (TMCs) | | Applicable where any bookings are not made via University Travel Management Companies (TMCs) | | Applicable where any bookings are not made via Travel Management Companies (TMCs) | |

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