

Snowdonia National Park Authority

Remote Working Guidelines

1. Introduction

These guidelines are part of a suite of guidelines that deal with remote, lone and adverse weather working.

2. Definition of remote working

- 2.1 Remote working may take place alone or as part of a group and is usually classed as being away from communities, emergency services, vulnerability if something happens and out of easy reach of emergency services.

3. Reducing risk

- 3.1 An appropriate risk assessment should be undertaken and the risk hierarchy followed to eliminate, reduce or control the hazards identified.
- 3.2 Guidance in the Lone Working Guidelines should be followed and extra care taken to ensure that adequate information is provided about the nature and location of the site visit.
- 3.3 Consider whether the task should be undertaken in pairs rather than as an individual. Also, if this is the first time the task is to be undertaken or the location is unfamiliar, again, consider working in pairs.
- 3.4 Where available, radios should be carried. Care should be taken to ensure they are fully charged in advance.
- 3.5 Mobile phones should also be charged and consideration should be given to having a battery back-up i.e. a portable charger or battery case.
- 3.6 Appropriate clothing and footwear should be worn.
- 3.7 Suitable additional equipment should be carried in case of an incident eg whistle, first aid kit, group shelter, additional clothing, food and drink etc
- 3.8 If a remote location is to be worked at for a lengthy period appropriate welfare facilities should be provided.