

**Dewing Wandering Risk Assessment Tool  
Version 2 (September 2008)**

**Baseline Assessment**

Level of Risk	Level of Risk	Attributes	Scorer 1	Scorer 2
0	Nil - Minimal	No recent history or reports of wandering from others. No current observable evidence of wandering.		
1	Low Probable Risk	Recent history or reports of wandering from others. Recent observable evidence of wandering of <b>either</b> : a) short duration/infrequent/and the person contains them self to safe limits and does not transgress set boundaries (or is positively responsive to being contained within the same). b) longer periods and the person accepts containing them self to safe limits and does not transgress set boundaries (or is positively responsive to being contained within the same).		
2	Moderate Actual Risk	Recent history or reports of wandering from others. Recent observable evidence of wandering that involves a) wandering is not easily ended or diverted. <b>and/or</b> b) the person responding negatively to being contained within boundaries set by others. <b>and/or</b> c) infrequent and unsuccessful attempts to transgress boundaries set by others.		
3	Significant Actual Risk	Recent history and/or reports of wandering and/or observable evidence that wandering has involved Regular transgressing safe limits and boundaries and that others (eg carers) have set		

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		<p>Carers found coping with the transgressing wandering activity to be difficult or impossible. <b>and/or</b> Recent observable evidence of wandering that transgresses safe limits and boundaries. <b>and/or</b> The person usually demonstrates way finding problems and easily 'gets lost' and is often unable to retrace their steps or return the same way they went.</p>		
4	<p><b>Serious Actual Risk</b></p>	<p>Current observable evidence of wandering that is occurring at a high frequency where the person is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) not responsive to distraction or diversion from wandering.</li> <li>b) unable to participate in any therapeutic activity/behavioural management plan.</li> <li>c) the person makes repeated attempts to leave a safe place and is regularly close to or achieves this successfully.</li> <li>d) receiving regular or high dosage medication to contain their wandering activities.</li> <li>e) not prevented from leaving by the family/carer and/or the carer is unable to easily seek help to locate or return the person</li> <li>f) is wandering almost constantly and eating and drinking minimally.</li> </ul>		

Date of Assessments: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Assessors Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Agreed Score: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ongoing Risk Assessment Scores**

	Date	Date	Date	Date
Score 1				
Score 2				
Agreed Risk Score				

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**A score of either 0 - 1 represents a low probable risk**

**A score of 2 is considered to represent a moderate actual risk**

**A score of 3 represents a significant actual risk**

**A score of 4 represents a serious actual risk**

**Note: where a carer is found to experience great difficulty in coping with wandering activity, the risk level must be 3 as a minimum.**

**Outline of Care/Therapy Plan**