Important actions to ensure your safety as a volunteer, as well as the safety of any other person involved in your volunteer activities, incl. the general public.

1. Attend one of our training events prior to becoming a Frogwatch volunteer. This is compulsory for all volunteers.
2. Undertake a site visit to all your chosen sites during the day, to map access routes, familiarize yourself with the safest parking options, access routes and the terrain. Take note of any potential hazards, such as low hanging branches, trip hazards or undercut edges of the waterbody. Fill in the habitat description section of your field data sheet for each site.
3. Always team up with another person to do frog monitoring.
4. Preferably monitor with another trained Frogwatch volunteer, if not possible, then ensure that at least 1 person in your survey team has received adequate training prior to commencing survey activities.
5. Inform a 3rd person about your survey plan- including the location(s) of the site(s) and your estimated returning time.
6. Carry a first aid kit with you, ensure that you know what material is in the kit and how to use it in the case of an injury.
7. Carry a good torch and have a set of spare batteries handy.
8. Ensure your mobile phone is fully charged.
9. Have your field data sheets, a water proof pen and your thermometer ready.
10. Park your car in a safe spot and a safe distance away from any moving traffic.
11. Do not obstruct any access routes.
12. Follow the monitoring procedures as described in the Frogwatch Census Kit, including taking a 3 mins sound recording, even if no frogs appear to call.
13. Measure the water temperature at the safest possible spot, by holding the thermometer at an arm’s length, immersing it approximately 10 cm deep into the water.

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