



HAZARD IDENTIFICATION / RISK ASSESSMENT

WILDFOWLING CLUB: LEICESTERSHIRE WILDFOWLERS ASSOCIATION

WORK ACTIVITY: WOOD PIGEON SHOOTING

ACTIVITY LOCATION: WOODLAND ROOST & CROP PROTECTION

GROUP AIMED AT: ALL L.W.A CLUB MEMBERS

RESPONSIBILITY OF: THE CLUB CHAIRMAN & THE WOOD PIGEON SECTION HEAD

<u>Hazard</u>	<u>Risk.</u>	Uncontrolled				Recommended Safety Measures for Club Members	Residual			
		Likelihood	Severity	Frequency	Risk Category		Likelihood	Severity	Frequency	Risk Category
Walking to and from shooting position over uneven ground woodland areas, climbing fences, crossing ditches etc.	Slip / Trip / Fall / resulting in possible broken bones, sprains and cuts	2	3	5	M	<p>When walking across fields and through the woods be aware for unforeseen holes, gullies, trip hazards etc, using a walking stick is a useful aid to assist checking for hazards.</p> <p>Take care when climbing over barbed wire fences, crossing ditches and walking on uneven, sloping ground.</p> <p>Carry a mobile phone in case of an emergency.</p> <p>Use of a torch when walking in the dark.</p>	2	3	5	M

Returning back to the shoot meeting place in the dark	Disorientated / getting lost	2	4	5	M	Having a good knowledge of the area, if uncertain of your surroundings take a compass bearing of where you entered the wood, parked your vehicle so that you can find your way back in the dark.	2	4	5	M
	Slip / Trips / Falls resulting in broken bones, sprains, cuts	2	4	5	M	It is advised that you carry a compass, torch, mobile phone, whistle and always stay where the shoot captain has allocated you to shoot so that he knows where to find you in case of an emergency. The use of a walking stick and torch are useful aids to help check the route for possible trip hazards when returning in the dark. Ensure that the shoot captain has your mobile phone number	2	4	5	M
Lone person activity	Falling or having a disabling accident / injury and not being discovered.	2	4	2	M	Location agreed with co-ordinator. Contact co-ordinator if moving to another location. Co-ordinator makes regular contact for progress Have charged mobile phone with co-ordinator's contact number.	1	3	2	L
Adverse Weather Conditions: Fog Snow Gales Storms Lightening Cold	Disorientated / getting lost Covered up holes & ditches resulting in broken bones & possible death from either trips or falls.	2	4	5	M	Having a good knowledge of the area, if uncertain of your surroundings take a compass bearing of where you entered the wood, parked your vehicle so that you can find your way back during inclement conditions. Be aware of deterioration of weather conditions, if leaving before the agreed finish time contact the shoot captain to let him know otherwise always report back to the arranged meeting place. It is advised that you carry a compass, torch, mobile phone, whistle and always stay where the shoot captain has allocated you to shoot so that he knows where to find you. Use of a walking stick to help check route for possible trip hazards, wear appropriate clothing to ensure that you do not lose body warmth	2	4	5	M
	Metal gun barrels etc. being struck by lightning causing possible death.	1	4	5	M	If a lightning storm develops during the pigeon flight put your gun back into its slip to reduce chance of being struck.	1	4	5	M

Handling and use of shot guns	Getting mud stuck in gun barrels resulting in possible accident to user when fired.	2	3	5	M	Always carry your gun in a case to and from the area that you intend to shoot from to ensure that the gun barrels to not get mud or other obstructions lodged in them. Check your barrels from time to time to ensure that they are clear.	2	4	5	M
	Shooting close to footpaths / rights of way. Taking low shots causing injury /death to others.	4	4	5	H	Build hides away from areas where 3 rd party persons may have access. Be aware of your surroundings, make your presence known to others, if necessary call out, listen for a reply or if uncertain investigate. Do not take for granted you are on your own, as low flying shots could result in accidentally shooting other people or dogs.	2	4	5	M
	Walking with a loaded gun and accidentally shooting others/self by slip/trip/fall	2	4	5	M	Always unload your gun before moving position as a slip, trip or fall could result in the gun being accidentally discharged resulting in injury or death to self or others.	2	4	5	M
	Shot bird-hitting shooter causing injuries to self or others.	1	2	3	L	When shooting overhead birds be mindful where they will fall if shot taking your eye of a shot bird whilst looking for a second bird could result in being hit by falling bird , object.	1	2	3	L
	Mixing different calibre cartridges when using one calibre gun can result in injury/death	2	3	5	M	Do not carry different calibre cartridges when using one calibre gun, if a 20 bore cartridge is accidentally put into a 12 bore gun it will slid into the barrel. A 12-bore cartridge put into the gun on top would result in the gun blowing up due to the obstruction when fired causing injury/death.	2	3	5	M
	Taking low shots in woodland causing injury /death to others members in woodland.	4	4	5	H	Be aware of your surroundings, make your presence known to others, if necessary call out, listen for a reply or if uncertain investigate. Do not take for granted you are on your own as someone may have entered the wood so low flying shots could result in accidentally shooting other people or dogs.	2	4	5	M

Crop Protection Building a hide.	Use of cutting tools; saws secateurs etc. resulting in cuts and abrasions.	2	2	3	M	Wear suitable gloves during hide building activity.	1	2	3	M
	Lifting heavy objects; hide making equipment, decoy bags, batteries etc, resulting in strain injuries.	2	2	4	M	Reduce distance needed to carry equipment to a minimum. Do not overburden self. If necessary make multiple trips. Use a trolley if possible. Always lift items separately over fences etc. Keep back straight when lifting.	2	2	2	L
	Location of hide to overhead power lines electric fences. Resulting in potential electrification.	2	4	3	M	Take notice of warning signs and keep clear of electrical apparatus, do not locate hides in the vicinity of overhead power lines or insulators as shooting close to the above can result in severe injury or death. Be especially careful in wooded areas where power lines may not be visible.	1	1	1	L
	Location of hide close to gas guns resulting in noise hazard.	4	3	3	H	Before shooting turn gas gun off. If unable to do so, position hides minimum 150 metres from gas gun.	1	1	1	L
Dogs	Worrying of Live Stock Being bitten leading to infections, injuries or possible death.	4	4	3	M	Keep dogs under close control at all times and on a lead when necessary, do not let them chase or worry livestock when walking across fields to access woodland or to crops that are to be protected as stampeding animals could cause injury or even death.	1	1	3	L