


WORCESTERSHIRE MAMMAL GROUP

Risk Assessment: Lagomorph surveys

Activity assessed: Lagomorph surveys		Activity Location: Various		
Location: Various		Postcode: N/A	Grid Ref: N/A	
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Signature 				
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HAZARD (POTENTIAL FOR HARM)	RISK P x S = L			PRECAUTIONS (to remove hazard/reduce risk level)
Slippery, unstable, boggy ground conditions.	2	1	1	Awareness. Any children kept under supervision.
Livestock in fields.	1	2	2	Awareness. Dogs under control.
Falling trees and branches.	1	3	3	Awareness in windy conditions. Monitor trees for dead wood and condition.
Lyme's disease from tick bites	2	2	4	Awareness and suitable footwear.
Allergic reactions to bees, wasps, nettles etc	2	2	4	If you're known to react, take appropriate medication with you.
Lone working	3	1	3	Work in pairs or small groups. If not possible, always tell someone where you're going and what time you expect to return. Take a mobile phone and be aware of variable coverage.
Surveying unknown sites	2	1	2	Make a note of the grid references of your start and finish point in case of emergency.
Surveying on roads or lanes	1	2	2	Wear light coloured or reflective clothing. General awareness of traffic.
Inclement weather	1	1	2	Awareness of conditions. Take suitable clothing.
Surveying in dusk/dawn conditions				Take a torch. Stay on known paths. Always let someone know where you are.

RISK LEVEL ESTIMATION PROMPT SHEET

ESTIMATING THE LEVEL OF RISK

The level of risk reflects the probability that harm will actually result from the hazard and the severity of that harm, i.e. how many people will be affected and by how much.

It must be recognised that whatever estimate of risk level is used, it can be no more objective than the factors on which it is based.

The level of risk can be compared on a range from 1 to 20 by multiplying a probability ranking by a severity ranking.

$$\text{PROBABILITY} \quad \times \quad \text{SEVERITY} \quad = \quad \text{RISK LEVEL}$$

Probability of Harm Ranking	Ranking	Severity of Harm	
Improbable	1	Minor injury to one or more people	1
Possible	2	Major injury to one person	2
Occasional	3	Major injury to several people	3
Common	4	Death of one person	4
		Death of several people	5

EXAMPLE

The probability of harm when nailing a fence might be considered to be occasional, 3, and its severity to be minor, 1, giving a risk level of 3; whereas harm to someone climbing a ladder for roofing work might be regarded as possible, 2, but could then cause death, severity 4, thus giving a risk level of 8.

The risk level to be estimated relates to the hazard **before** you apply appropriate precautions to reduce this risk. Enter this initial level of risk on the Risk Assessment Record and use it to focus precautionary measures on the greater hazards of the task being assessed, and to find an overview of the activity's various risks.