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| FHT logo**Risk Assessment Record****SAVING OXFORD’S WETLAND WILDLIFE** |
| **Activity assessed:** *Activity**Date* | **Date of assessment:**  | **Assessed by:** Ellie Mayhew |
| **Location of activity:**  |
| HAZARD | RISK | People at risk | Risk (low, medium, high) | Precautions / Controls | Risk (low, medium, high) |
| **Livestock** | Physical injury, trampling | All | Low | Be aware of livestock behavior, if in doubt leave the site. Do not take dogs on site. | Low |
| **Biological/ stings and bites** | Diseases, allergic reactions | All | Medium | **Wear long trousers and long sleeved tops** to minimize the risk of receiving tick bites. Wash hands before eating. **If known to be allergic to stings, take medication on site.** If feeling unwell after a site visit, seek medical attention. | Low |
| **Sharp grasses and thorny bushes** | Eye injuries, lacerations, cuts, infection | All | Medium | Do not bend down or kneel in areas of known sharp grasses/plants. Disinfect any lacerations or punctures. | Low |
| **Dogs** | Bites, lacerations, disease | All | Low | Be wary of dogs off leads. Disinfect any bites and seek medical attention. | Low |
| **Concealed holes/ditches** | Physical injury, ankle injuries | All | High | Take care when walking through areas of dense vegetation or areas where there is poor footing visibility – avoid poor footing visibility areas where possible. | Medium |
| **Cold** | Hypothermia | All | Medium | **Wear appropriate clothing. Thermals and waterproofs.** | Low |
| **Steep slopes / unstable ground** | Physical injury, trips, ankle injuries | All | High | Try to avoid climbing steep slopes. Take care with footing. **Wear appropriate footwear.** | Medium |
| **Motorcycles/ horses being ridden recklessly** | Physical injury through collision | All | Low | Always be alert when walking in areas of poor visibility that may be used by motorbikes or horses. | Low |
| **Sharp objects**  | Cuts, lacerations, infection | All | High | Take care when picking up any potentially sharp objects. Wear gloves if appropriate. | Medium |
| **Old and partially buried structures** | Tripping, ankle injuries | All | Medium | Take care when footing is not clearly visible. Look for signs of nearby structures; e.g. partially collapsed fence. | Low |
| **Hazardous waste / fly tipping** | Cuts, lacerations, infection, chemical burns | All | Low | Do not handle waste. Wear gloves when handling waste. If unsure of contents of containers or if known to be hazardous contact emergency services. | Low |
| **Ponds/ deep water** | Drowning | All | Medium | Take care when near water bodies. Use net to check depth. A throw line will be taken out on site. Use safe access points, avoiding steep banks and floating mats of vegetation.  | Low |
| **Water borne diseases** | Bites/ stings/ infection | All | Low | Cover all exposed cuts with water-proof plasters. Do not touch dead animals unless absolutely necessary & always wear gloves. Keep inoculations, such as tetanus up to date. Use **antibacterial gel/ wipes or soap and water** on hands after work in water. | Low |
| **Traffic** | Collision with vehicles | All | Medium | Take care when crossing roads. Group together away from roads. | Low |
| **Drowning** | Death | All | Medium | Work near others, have a throw line, life jacket and charged mobile phone available, check footing | Low |
| **Slips/trips** | Injury/ death | Staff | Medium | -Do not move quickly when working in water, check your footing with a depth pole/ net-Use safe access points, avoiding steep banks and floating mats of vegetation | Low |
| **Disease** | Bites/ stings/ infection | Staff | Medium | -Cover all exposed cuts with water-proof plasters-Do not touch dead animals unless absolutely necessary and always wear gloves-Keep inoculations, such as tetanus up to date-Use antibacterial gel/ wipes on hands after work in water-Carry personal first aid kit and charged mobile phone in water-proof pouch | Low |
| **Exposure** | Reaction to toxic water | Staff | Medium | -If toxic blooms or polluted water is suspected (dead wildlife, chemical odour etc) do not enter/ touch the water and report to the Environment Agency | Low |
| **Manual Handling** | Injury from moving wet objects | Staff | Medium | -Wet materials are much heavier than there dry equivalent, determine your shortest available route, get help or use aids where possible | Low |
| **Adverse weather** | Illness through exposure | Staff | Medium | -Stop work immediately if ill attired for weather conditions-Plan regular breaks and shade if working for duration in full sun | Low |
| **Deep silt** | Sinking and getting stuck | Staff | Medium | -Always check your footing with a depth pole/ net before moving into water | Low |
| **Individual Personal protective equipment needed:** Suitable footwear (walking boots or wellingtons). Appropriate clothing for the weather. Drinking water. Antibacterial wipes/gel. | **Provided by:** Training course delegates | **Level of First Aid provision needed:**Emergency 1st Aid certificate | **First Aider:**Ellie Mayhew |
| Details and mobile no. of group leader:  | Nearest hospital:*Minor Injury Unit**24 hour Emergency Department* |
| Further details: |
| **THIS FORM SHOULD BE READ BEFORE THE ACTIVITY.** **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES, PLEASE EMAIL PROJECT OFFICER ELLIE MAYHEW****emayhew@freshwaterhabitats.org.uk** |