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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**](mailto:emayhew@freshwaterhabitats.org.uk) | | | | | | | | | |