Risk Assessment Example - Scrub Clearance

Narrative and main points eg what you are doing, where and with whom.
Do you, or your organisation have insurance cover?
ACT insurance covers Wildlife Wardens carrying out work specifically for wildlife.It covers Wildlife Wardens leading groups who aren't Wildlife Wardens, as long as they have taken additional WW training in leading work/walk groups

Names: ……..

Task: Scrub clearance with two other Wildlife Wardens

Location :…….. Grid ref/What3Words ……..

Date and time: ……..

Insurance cover – ACT policy

nb The Likelihood x Seriousness score should be 6 or under. If it is over 6 and no more than 12, then look for measures that will reduce the risk.
If it is over 12 then the task is too dangerous and needs to be completely re-thought.

Hazard (what might happen that hurts somebody?)	**Measures taken to prevent the problem**	**Likeli-hood 1-5**	**Serious-ness 1-5**	**L X S 6 or under acceptable.**
Slips, trips, and falls (uneven ground)	• Consider and discuss ground conditions – wet/muddy/uneven. • Take care, slow down – allow enough time for activity. • Wear suitable footwear.	2	3	6
Use of tools - bow saw and pruners. Cuts and injury	• Ensure team are comfortable using tools and if training is needed this should be checked prior to the works. • Ensure correct PPE is worn – gloves, suitable footwear, eye protection plus a helmet if large scrub is being felled. • Check tools before starting – they should be in good working condition. • Work together if felling small trees – discuss method and warn any other helpers or site visitors before starting.	1	4	4

Adverse weather sunburn/ sunstroke, exposure/ hypothermia	• Dress appropriately for conditions (e.g. sun hats, warm / waterproof clothing) • Check the weather forecast in advance of your visit. • If severe weather sets in – postpone or abandon.	1	3	3
Falling trees / deadwood	• Always check tree canopy for hung-up deadwood / unstable trees and avoid these – if there is danger do not go in this area	1	4	4
Ticks and **Lyme disease**	• Try to avoid walking through dense bracken. • Check for ticks thoroughly after walking through dense vegetation / bracken. • Remove ticks carefully if found and remain vigilant for symptoms (bull's eye).	1	4	4
Adder bite – adders are now rare but may be around on a warm sunny site, and are esp slow to move away in early spring or late autumn.	• Wear walking boots and thick trousers. • Be aware of what is around you and take extra care in long vegetation. • Carry a full charged mobile phone and have a buddy system if lone working	1	4	4

Table 1c

Risk Score

LIKELIHOOD	CONSEQUENCE				
	1 Insignificant	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Major	5 Catastrophic
1 - Rare	1	2	3	4	5
2 - Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10
3 - Possible	3	6	9	12	15
4 - Likely	4	8	12	16	20
5 - Almost Certain	5	10	15	20	25