Risk Assessment for ACT Wildlife Wardens Field Survey

Description of event
ACT Wildlife Wardens survey of xxxx

ACT Wildlife Wardens:
Permission from Landowner: Yes
Task: Walking survey
Date and time:
Parking:

Location: Grid ref or What3words
Insurance: Using ACT policy

Emergency Information
Nearest MIU: Newton Abbot Community Hospital, W Golds Wy, Newton Abbot TQ12 2TS
Nearest A&E: Torbay Hospital, Torquay (01803 324500) OR Exeter R,D & E, Barrack Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 5DW (01392) 411611
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Note: 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	Measures taken to prevent the problem	Likelihood 1-5	Seriousness 1-5	L X S 6 or under acceptable.
Injury from cars either when parking	- Ensure people know where to park before they arrive - Ensure people gather away from parking cars - Use footpaths along road - Obey highway code	1	5	5
Slips, trips and falls on steep or uneven ground	- Advise people before to wear suitable footwear. - Advise people to know their limits and alert leader if we need to slow down.	1	3	3

	- Leader to carry first aid kit			
Adverse weather conditions: **Sunburn/sunstroke** **Hypothermia**	- Advise people before the event to wear suitable clothing e.g. hats, lightweight clothing - Ask people at the start of the event to speak to the leader if getting too hot/cold so we can stop and address the problem. - Advise people bring water/drink. - Check the weather forecast before and cancel/postpone if any adverse weather warnings. - Bring extra sunscreen for participants - Bring umbrella for insect table and if very hot have a maximum time of 1 hour for insect recording	2	3	6
Tick's and tick-borne diseases such as Lymes disease/TBE	- Advise at H/S talk at start of survey. - Wear trousers tucked into socks. - Check for ticks thoroughly after surveying. - Remove ticks carefully if found and remain vigilant for symptoms (bull's eye rash, unusual tiredness, Flu-like symptoms).	1	4	4
Bites and stings (wasps, bees, horseflies, hornets) **Causing skin irritation through to anaphylactic shock**	- Ask participants to alert leader if health issues prior to event and make aware if Epipen carried. - Carry fully charged mobile phone and first aid kit	1	5	5
Irritant/toxic plants causing stings, scratches, punctures & phytophotosensitisation	- Advise people of potentially irritant/hazardous plants such as nettles, blackthorn, hogweed and umbels at start of event - Carry first aid ki	1	3	3
Bacteria from soil/water **(eg Weil's, E.coli, Campy)**	- Wash hands before consuming food or carry hand sanitiser	1	4	4

Dog scratches/bites	- Ask the landowner before visiting whether dogs are on site and and to make us aware if they are aggressive etc. - Ask landowners to keep dogs away from surveyors if there is any concern about aggressive behaviour - If approached by a dog, stay still – do not run away. - Calmly and softly give a command such as 'sit' or 'stay', as many dogs respond to these. - Avoid eye contact – do not look the dog directly in the eye as this can be seen as a form of aggression. - Ignore the dog if it jumps up – do not shout or push the dog down, as it may think it is a game. Stay still and do not respond and it may eventually get bored and walk away. If you are knocked to the ground, remain motionless in the fetal position and protect your face. - When you move, move slowly, and stay facing the dog	1	4	4
Livestock on land	- Ask landowner whether there will be any livestock in the areas being surveyed - Ask landowner to have stock off the land being surveyed if at all possible - If stock on site ensure that you feel confident in your safely before starting survey -if in any doubt about whether livestock are a risk do not enter to survey	2	5	10
Injury from farm equipment	- Avoid farm equipment during survey	1	4	4
Barbed wire	- Be aware of barbed wire when surveying - Don't jump over/under unsafe barbed wire	2	3	6

Electric fencing	- Be aware of electric fencing wire when surveying - Ask landowner when you arrive if any to be aware of	1	2	3