

Risk Assessment - Biodiversity survey tasks

Location(s):						Last updated on:		
Activities:	Small mammal trapping; Insect collection via pootering/beating; Tree planting; Bird surveys							
Risk		Initial severity	Initial likelihood	Initial risk	Risk control measures inc. PPE		Controlled likelihood	Controlled
Small mammal bites / scratches		2	2	4	Students not to open small mammal traps. Handling license to be upheld by tutor. Gloves and long sleeves must be worn by tutor and mammals held in bagged area until release.		1	2
Injury from tool / tree whip handling.		3	2	6	Students to be shown how to handle tools OR adults only to handle tools. Extra care to be taken when unwrapping tree whips.		1	3
Breathing difficulties (incorrect pooter use)		2	1	2	Students shown how to correctly use a pooter and advised to take regular breaks from their use, especially on very cold days.		1	2
Crush injury when turning over logs		3	2	6	Adults only to turn over logs and doing so only when students are stood well back. Adults to rough test weight of log before attempting to move.		1	3
Dust inhalation / irritation		2	2	4	Students to stand at a distance while hedge beating. Students to take regular breaks. Face masks and googles should be available to students.		1	3
Notes (including details of any student who may be especially vulnerable:				Longworth traps are to be placed in a pond area—to be removed by adults only.				
Local Hospital Details								

Severity score measured on 1 - 3 scale. Likelihood score measured on 1 - 3 scale. Total risk calculated by multiplying severity score by likelihood score. Any activity with a total risk score of 6 or more will not take place.

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