


RISK ASSESSMENT

Activity	Mammal tracking tunnel deployment		
Location	Various		
Intended Recipient	Volunteers		
Risk Assessment Prepared by	Debs Rylands		
Valid From	01/05/2019	Valid To	30/10/2019
Date of Assessment	29/04/2019	Date of Review	n/a

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Access points	Check access points before hand
Description of how to find access points	Check access points before hand
Local Hospital with A&E department	Torbay Hospital, Newton Rd, Torquay, Torbay TQ2 7AA (01803 614 567)
Grid Reference	Various
Nearest public phone	Please complete

A Risk Assessment is not valid unless signed. This Risk Assessment must be signed by an authorised individual

Signed  **Print Name** Debs Rylands

HAZARD	WHO MAY BE HARMED AND HOW?	WHAT ARE WE ALREADY DOING TO CONTROL RISK OR REDUCE IT TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL?	RESIDUAL RISK		
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<u>Uneven Ground</u> slips, trips, falls	volunteers, public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take care – allow enough time for activity. Be aware of any obstructions in your path. Wear appropriate footwear. Avoid traversing ground you aren't comfortable with. 	3	2	6
<u>Parking and walking on roads</u> Road traffic accident	volunteers, public, other road users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be vigilant if parking on or close to roads – adhere to the highway code and do not block field entrances or create a driving hazard for other road users Do not walk along busy main roads. Follow Highway Code where walking on minor roads. Ensure you are in control of your actions and aware of surroundings while on roads (e.g. no alcohol, bags easy to carry). Ensure you are highly visible to traffic (e.g. high visibility clothing). 	1	5	5
<u>livestock</u>	volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check for livestock in fields before entering. Always check with land owners about possible aggressive animals in fields and avoid if necessary Don't enter a field if you feel uncomfortable with livestock present. Avoid getting between a cow and a calf. Don't enter a field with livestock with a dog. Do not set up tracking tunnel in a field containing livestock 	1	5	5
<u>Loneworkingifaway fromyourownhome</u>	volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We recommend that volunteers do not work alone If having to work alone volunteers should ensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fully-charged mobile phone (turned on) is carried at all times <p>You must notify someone of what you are doing, exactly where you are surveying, where you plan to park, what your start and end time should be, method of travel to and around the site, proposed itinerary, vehicle identification details and how you will let them know of your safe return and at what time. In the event of your not returning within an hour of your stated return time this person should try to contact you and if no success contact emergency services with your survey location details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extra care must be taken during activity. 	1	5	5
<u>Climbing gates, fencing</u>	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open gates rather than climbing where possible. Be aware of electric fencing and barbed wire when placing tracking tunnel. 	2	2	4

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<u>Aggressive individuals</u>	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of members of public who may appear to show early signs of aggression or antagonism. • Engage with them where appropriate and explain what is happening, answer questions politely. • If any signs of aggression, placate if possible otherwise move away • Avoid being alone with aggressive individuals, stay with other volunteers if possible • If signs of intoxication (drugs, alcohol) are evident, move away and abandon activity immediately • If weapons (knives, firearms, air rifles, etc) are evident, move away and abandon activity immediately • If intimidation, antagonism or aggression becomes threatening call 999 • police as soon as possible after moving away to safe distance 	1	5	5
<u>Bites and stings</u> Anaphylactic shock, skin irritation	volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be sure to wear appropriate clothing to protect from bites/stings. • Be aware of plants that might cause skin irritation (i.e. stinging nettles and hogweed) and biting/stinging animals and insects (i.e. adders, horseflies, bees, wasps, hornets). • Always carry appropriate medication if you suffer from anaphylaxis • Follow guidance under lone working to ensure someone knows your location 	1	5	5
<u>Mines, caves, shafts, adits, sinkholes, steep slopes, etc falls, trapping</u>	volunteers, public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid locations that pose a risk to you - where this appears impossible abandon activity • Avoid access routes that pose a risk to you – where this appears impossible abandon activity • Stay within your own limits – don't do it if you feel uncomfortable • Wear suitable footwear 	1	5	5
<u>Water</u> Weil's disease, drowning.	volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe basic hygiene when working near water – wear appropriate clothing, cover all cuts with watertight dressing and wash hands before eating, drinking or smoking • If working alongside a river, always work in pairs and not alone. 	1	5	5
<u>Adverse weather conditions/ exposure</u>	volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress appropriately for conditions (e.g. sun hats, sunscreen, warm / waterproof clothing) and postpone/ abandon if severe weather sets in 	1	4	4

5x5 RISK MATRIX

PROBABILITY

Highly Probable	5 Moderate	10 Major	15 Major	20 Severe	25 Severe
Probable	4 Moderate	8 Moderate	12 Major	16 Major	20 Severe
Possible	3 Minor	6 Moderate	9 Moderate	12 Major	15 Major
Unlikely	2 Minor	4 Moderate	6 Moderate	8 Moderate	10 Major
Rare	1 Minor	2 Minor	3 Minor	4 Moderate	5 Moderate
	Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High

IMPACT