

Risk Assessment - Lone Working for Volunteer Stock Checkers

Date: April 2016

RISK ASSESSMENT		SITE:	
REF.: LW1	LOCATION(S): All grazing sites		
<p>POTENTIAL HAZARDS: LONE WORKING</p> <p>Accidents, emergencies and sudden illness</p> <p>Member of the public becoming verbally abusive, threatening or violent towards stock checker.</p>			
SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL HAZARDS, RISKS AND BEST PRACTICE:			
POTENTIAL HAZARDS	RISK	RISK RATING (Frequency + Severity)	BEST PRACTICE ACTION
Accidents, emergencies and sudden illness	Physical injury to checkers Stress to checkers	2+3=5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before starting a session of lone working, checkers must notify a 'buddy' (friend or family member) of the specific location that they intend to visit, and a timescale for the visit. A grid reference or map may be necessary for remote sites. The 'buddy' is to be given an emergency contact number and name of a member of Downlands Partnership: Grazing team, to use in case of problems. Checkers should wear clothing suitable for the ground and weather conditions, including sturdy footwear. Checkers should consider possible changes in weather, and carry suitable clothing accordingly. Checkers should pay attention to terrain, and physical site characteristics and hazards. Checkers should carry prescribed medication if they have been instructed to by a medical practitioner. If a checker suffers from a medical condition that might increase the risks of working alone, this should be brought to the attention of the Downlands Partnership: Grazing Officer, who should consider how best to reduce the specific risks to the checker.

Member of the public becoming verbally abusive threatening or violent towards checker	Physical injury to checker Stress to checkers	2+3=5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkers should carry mobile phones (if owned), which should be charged. • Checkers to contact ‘buddy’ to report in following a session of lone working. If a checker does not report in to their ‘buddy’, the ‘buddy’ should try to contact them first, and then if this is unsuccessful they should contact the Downlands Partnership: Grazing team. • Checkers should report any accidents or serious incidents to the Downlands Partnership: Grazing team. • Checkers must not visit a site alone if there is a history of violence, the threat of violence or other threatening behaviour. • Checkers should seek to avoid violence, and should endeavour to remove themselves from this hazard wherever possible. • If threats or violence are made or perceived, checkers should ring 999 or 112 (from mobiles) and ask for immediate Police support. They should also notify the Downlands Partnership: Grazing team at their earliest convenience. • Checkers should carry the phone number of an emergency contact within the Downlands Partnership: Grazing team. • Checkers should report any accidents or serious incidents to the Downlands Partnership: Grazing team.
<p>ARE ADDITIONAL CONTROLS REQUIRED?</p> <p>1) TO ACHIEVE BEST PRACTICE YES/<u>NO</u> (if YES detail below)</p> <p>2) TO MEET LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES YES/<u>NO</u> (If YES detail below)</p>			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>RESPONSIBLE PERSON:</div> <div>SIGN: _____ DATE: _____</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div>ASSESSOR: (if different to above)</div> <div>SIGN: _____ DATE: _____</div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">Initial or Review Assessment: _____</div>			

