**Wirral Game Fishing Club**

**Generic Risk Assessment for Volunteers at Standard Working Parties** — **Page 1**

**Date of Issue:** — **Review Date:**

**Reviewed by:** Ian Macdonald

**Activity:** Working Party Maintainance

**Persons at Risk:** Members of WGFC

| Hazard | Harm | Risk Rating | Control Measures | Risk Rating After controls | Action by |
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| Weather | Hypothermia, heat exhaustion, sunburn, dehydration, icy conditions. | 2 x 3 = 6 | Wear appropriate clothing & footwear for conditions eg in sunny weather wear a hat, use sun block & drink plenty of water. Avoid puddles & icy patches. | 2 x 1 = 2 | Supervisor |
| Use of Machinery & Equipment | Cuts, major injury, loss of limbs, heat stroke, death. | 2 x 3 = 6 | Appropriate PPE to be worn, as per WGFC Health & Safety Documents. To be used only by trained & competent persons. Use team lifting if possible to lift equipment & machinery. Minimise exposure to fuel, wash hands regularly.Take regular breaks for drinks etc. See WGFC Health & Safety documents for additional information. | 1 x 3 = 3 | Supervisor |
| Manual Handling | Muscular skeletal injury, crushing injury | 3 x 2 = 6 | Do not lift loads that are too heavy. Use correct lifting techniques. Split heavy loads into smaller parts. Use wheel barrow etc for transportation. | 1 x 2 = 2 | Supervisor |
| Working in or near water | Drowning, slipping, hypothermia, biological hazards, disease. | 2 x 3 = 6 | Wear life jacket, throwing line to be available. Life jacket must be worn when in a boat. | 1 x 3 = 3 | Supervisor |

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| Overhead electric power lines , electric fences & lightning | Electrocution, burns, shock, death. | 2 x 3 = 6 | Always check location of overhead electric power lines & electric fences. Take extreme care not to let any equipment come into close proximity to electric power lines. Remember that electricity can arc from a distance away. Never shelter under a tree in a thunder storm & stop all work. | 1 x 3 = 3 | Supervisor |
| Sharp hand tools eg saws, loppers etc | Cuts, lacerations, loss of fingers. | 2 x 2 = 4 | Appropriate PPE & protective clothing to be worn eg gloves etc. | 1 x 2 = 2 | Supervisor |
| Flying debris from working with power tools. | Fractures, cuts, bruises, injury to eyes caused by flying debris from using eg chain saw, strimmer etc. | 3 x 2 = 6 | Warn persons nearby. Wear appropriate PPE eg helmet, gloves, goggles. | 1 x 2 = 2 | Supervisor |
| Vehicle movement | Injury by moving vehicles, blocked access points. | 2 x 2 = 4 | Ensure safe parking of vehicles. Do not block access points, no blind reversing. Check river level not rising if vehicles parked close to a river. | 1 x 2 = 2 | Supervisor |
| Flammable liquids | Burns, shock, skin irritation, carcinogenic, death. | 3 x 2 = 6 | Carry fuel in correctly marked containers. Do not refill petrol powered equipment while it is still hot. Check filler cap has been correctly secured. | 1 x 2 = 2 | Supervisor |

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| Weil's Disease | Infection, ill health, death. Be aware that Weil's Disease is transmitted by cows as well as by rats. | 2 x 3 = 6 | Don't put hands in your mouth, always clean hands before eating with anti bacterial wet hand wipes. If you feel ill, contact your GP. | 1 x 3 = 3 | Supervisor |
| Lyme's Disease | Infection, ill health, death. Transmitted by tick bites. | 2 x 3 = 6 | Keep clothing tight to the skin to prevent access by the tick. Check for ticks after returning home, remove any ticks with a tick removing tool, swab with alcohol & apply antiseptic cream. Report any unexplained fever or rash around the bite as soon as possible to your GP. | 1 x 3 = 3 | Supervisor |
| Tetanus Disease | Infection, ill health, death. The bacteria is found in eg soil & manure of animals such as horses & cows. | 2 x 3 = 6 | Any cuts, grazes etc must be cleaned & disinfected, & covered with a waterproof plaster, as the tetanus bacteria can enter the body through these injuries. Contact your GP or visit your local minor injuries unit if you are concerned about a wound. | 1 x 3 = 6 | Supervisor |

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| Water pollution | Animal & human sewage found in rivers & lakes may cause infections, eg Hepatitis, E Coli, nausea, stomach pains, fever, skin irritation. | 2 x 3 = 6 | Don't put hands in your mouth, always clean hands before eating with anti bacterial wet hand wipes. If you feel ill, contact your GP. | 1 x 3 = 3 | Supervisor |
| Blue Green Algae | Nausea, vomiting, stomach pains, fever, headaches, skin irritation. | 2 x 3 = 6 | Avoid contact with algae, wash off immediately. Don't put hands in your mouth, always clean hands before eating with anti bacterial wet hand wipes. If you feel ill contact your GP. | 1 x 3 = 3 | Supervisor |
| Giant Hogweed | Severe skin irritation, skin burns. | 2 x 3 = 6 | Sap of the Giant Hogweed is caustic & potentially causes severe burns. Never touch any part of the plant. When strimming, suitable PPE must be worn eg gloves, goggles, cover up all exposed skin. Wash skin immediately with cold water & wash all clothes after use. If you feel ill contact your GP. | 1 x 3 = 3 | Supervisor |
| Invasive Plants | Spread of plants to other sites eg Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam etc. Japanese Knotweed can cause severe damage to property, buildings etc. | 3 x 2 = 6 | Clean off all clothing & equipment, & wash boots etc before leaving the site. Stay away from all invasive plants wherever possible. NOTE - a special licence is required to dispose of Japanese Knotweed. | 2 x 2 = 4 | Supervisor |

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| Wasps, Bees, Horse Flies etc | Bites, stings, anaphylactic shock. | 2 x 2 = 4 | Do not disturb bees or wasps nests. Wear insect repellant to reduce the risk of bites & stings. Remove sting if possible. Wash & disinfect the affected area. If stung in the mouth seek medical attention. If anaphylactic shock occurs, use an Epi pen if possible & seek immediate emergency treatment if necessary. | 1 x 2 = 2 | Supervisor |
| Livestock/Animals | Unprovoked attack by animals eg bulls, cows, horses etc, causing injuries from eg trampling, crushing, biting goring, broken bones, lacerations, death. | 2 x 3 = 6 | All animals can be dangerous. Don't make direct eye contact with them. Treat bulls with extreme caution. Assess the danger before entering a field with livestock. Establish an escape route. Cows with young calves can be very protective, don't walk between a cow & calf. It is always handy to carry a wading stick in your hand when crossing a field of livestock. | 2 x 2 = 4 | Supervisor |
| Weed Spraying | DNA damage, endocrine disruption, cell death. Possible harm to new & expectant mothers, environmental hazards. | 2 x 3 = 6 | Only to be used by trained, competent persons. Areas to be sprayed to be made out of bounds to others. Users to wear appropriate PPE including appropriate respiratory protection. Use down wind away from people & animals. | 1 x 3 = 3 | Supervisor |